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Will attend OPEC meeting**Yamani sees oil glut in 1982**

By John Rossant

RIYADH, Dec. 5 — Saudi Arabia will attend the 59th meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Bali, Indonesia, next week, according to Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources. Sheikh Yamani made the remarks in an interview with *Saudi Business* magazine, which appears Saturday.

"Because of the continuing war between Iraq and Iran, two of OPEC's larger producers, there had been some question whether the scheduled meeting would take place."

Last week, Mane Said Oteiba, Petroleum minister of the United Arab Emirates, called for the Bali meeting's postponement until the fighting stops between Iraq and Iran. Yamani, however, said that "we must insist on the meeting."

The Bali conference is due to be the first meeting of OPEC since its tumultuous mid-September gathering in Vienna, just prior to the outbreak of war in the Gulf. Since then, four meetings of OPEC have been canceled or delayed indefinitely, including a much-heralded summit of heads of state of OPEC



INTERVIEW: Petroleum and Minerals Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani during the interview in Riyadh.

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1981 could be reached in Bali. "Given the present situation," he said. "The chances of reaching a unified pricing system are rather slim."

The minister also intimated that the discussions in the Bali meeting will center on procedural matters, rather than on politics and prices, saying that he doesn't expect to stay (in Bali) longer than a day or two because we don't have much on the agenda... I don't expect an agreement on prices and therefore, we might disappear from Bali earlier than usual."

Despite Yamani's pessimism over the chances for a pricing agreement, he had a decidedly optimistic outlook for the oil market in 1981. Yamani said that given the fact that Iraq and Iran have resumed production, as well as Saudi Arabia's high production level "prices won't go up. There might be small increase, but not what we were afraid of."

"For 1981," said Yamani, "there will be no problem. For 1982, there will be a surplus (of oil). It will be a rather sizeable glut this time."

The war between Iraq and Iran immediately knocked almost four million barrels a day of crude oil off the world market, which has resulted in an upward spiraling of prices on the spot market since the end of September.

In the past fortnight, however, spot prices have been noticeably dropping from their recent record levels. In addition, there are reports that the 21 member states of the international Energy Agency have been drawing on their crude oil stocks at a rate of 2.5 million barrels a day, which only 900,000 is seasonal de-stocking.

Yamani said this week that while he is "not satisfied as such" with IFA members' de-stocking, "I'm not as worried as before." He also said that his warning to oil companies not to make panic purchases "did work, and most of the governments have started to de-stock, and have been forcing their companies to de-stock."

Yamani reiterated his objection to the continued filling of crude oil stockpiles in industrialized countries, in particular the strategic petroleum reserve in the United States, saying, "We don't want to de-stock at a time when there is a shortage... You raise the price of oil and then make our efforts at increasing production useless."

Saudi Arabia, the minister said, would not produce oil at a high rate indefinitely, nor even until the Gulf war ends. He said that a decision will be taken at the end of this month to set production levels for January, indicating that the Kingdom will now adjust production on a month-by-month basis.

Since the beginning of October, Saudi Arabia has been producing at levels consistently higher than the 9.5 million barrels a day which it had been producing throughout most of 1980. Yamani told *Arab News* two weeks ago that production from the Aramco area had been leveled off at 10 million barrels.

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Naif reaffirms support for Afghanistan causeBy Shahid Orakzai
Special Correspondent

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Dec. 5 — Interior Minister Prince Naif Friday assured the Afghan refugees that the Kingdom considers their issue "as one of its own problems and is conscious of its obligations in this regard."

"King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and the people of Saudi Arabia appreciate and share your sufferings," the prince told refugees at Nasserbagh refugee camp near the city Friday morning.

He said the entire Muslim world was aware

of this "serious problem" and the Kingdom in particular was making every endeavor to ensure an early solution of the Afghan crisis. He said that as a conviction Muslims could not ignore their brothers in faith in such critical moments, and hoped that the "hour of trial" would soon be over.

Reiterating Islam's commitment to international peace he said, "Muslims neither want to become a threat for others, nor would they like others to threaten them." Referring to the Soviet invasion, the prince regretted that some powerful countries had trampled

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In four years**SDF lends SR12 billion**

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — The Saudi Development Fund financed 152 various development projects in 51 different countries, and total commitments amounted to SR12.3 billion between 1975 and 1979, the fund's annual report showed.

This averages about SR76-80 million per project or SR71-240 million per state. According to the SDF's fifth annual report for fiscal year 1978-79, these commitments were made in addition to 11 grants and loan agreements totalling about SR2.5 billion and managed on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.

The fund's commitments to various projects of the economic and social development sectors were allocated according to the needs

of the beneficiaries and according to the countries' priorities in the light of feasibility studies. The leading sectors were railroads and electric power. Railroad projects received aid totalling SR2.9 billion for 24 projects, and electric power projects received approximately SR2.8 billion for 25 projects. The agricultural sector followed with SR2.2 billion earmarked for 39 projects.

Also taken into consideration while deciding on allocations was the size of the borrowing country and its capacity to assimilate new projects. The fund earmarked SR6.3 billion for 63 projects in Asian countries; and SR5.6 billion for 87 projects in African countries and two projects in Latin America and Malta.

By the end of financial year 1978/79, loan agreements signed between the fund and developing countries totalling \$3 billion with an overall value of about SR7.4 billion compared with 64 agreements totalling SR6 billion in the previous year 1977/78.

The SDF also signed loan agreements for 18 projects in 1978/79 totalling SR2.3 billion including ten projects totalling SR8.9 billion in the eight African countries of Tunisia, the Comoros, Senegal, Sudan, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Liberia and Madagascar, and eight projects totalling SR4.9 billion in the Asian countries of Jordan, Syria and North Yemen.

The report also reviewed African projects signed during the last financial year. These were the Sidi Saudi Dam project in Tunisia (SR690 million, of which the SDF contributed SR243 million); road projects to link the Big Comoro and Mohili islands, which are part of the Comoro archipelago (SR48 million, of which the SDF contributed SR13 million); the Anambé Basin project in Senegal (SR27.5 million, of which the SDF contributed SR13.2 million); Niala/Cas/Zelenji and Sukkar Kinana road projects in Sudan (Continued on back page)

Israel confirms expulsion order of two mayors

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5 (R) — The Israeli government Friday confirmed the expulsion order against two popular Palestinian mayors and refused to let them return to their homes on the occupied West Bank. The decision was announced by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim after a special ministerial meeting headed by Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Nissim said the ministers weighed all the security factors and decided they had no choice but keep out Fahd Kawasme of Hebron and Mayor Muhammad Milhem of Halhoul. The two mayors were expelled last May. Last month they were allowed back to plead their case before the Israeli courts. The supreme court upheld the expulsion order but recommended that it should be reviewed by Begin.

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The World's Biggest Truck-Mounted Concrete Pump has arrived in Saudi Arabia today, manufactured by F. W. Schwing G.M.B.H. of West Germany, world leader in design and development of concrete pumping, placing and construction equipments. The pump, the reliable and well-proven BPL 601 HD, known throughout the Kingdom, and the boom-the world's longest, measuring a staggering 42M in height capable of reaching 14 storeys high, will be used in Riyadh for the construction of blocks of flats for Housing Projects. The unit is supplied by Bakheet Establishment, a well known dealer in construction equipments.**First phase of \$3b campus begins in Jan.**By a Staff Writer
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 5 — The first phase of construction of a new \$3 billion campus for the Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University in Riyadh will be getting underway within one month, according to sources at the university.

The construction package comprises residential housing for unmarried students at the Islamic University, consisting of 4,100 rooms, 600 apartments, a mosque, student club and a dining room. The total area of construction of this first phase is some 250,000 square meters.

Lucky Development, a Korean firm, came in by far the lowest at 187 million - when the bids were opened last week, and sources at the university say that contract negotiations will begin shortly. A German contractor bid almost \$500 million, illustrating the high competitiveness of Korean contractors on large housing packages.

The master plan for the entire university, as well as detailed design drawings, is being prepared by Typsa, a member of the Techniberta grouping of Spanish architectural and engineering consultants. Typsa has a large portfolio of work in Arab and Islamic countries, and is one of Spain's most well-known architectural firms.

Architects from Typsa have been studying Spanish Islamic architectural traditions in order to adapt them to the special climatic and cultural conditions of Saudi Arabia, according to the Islamic University's planning office.

The new campus of the Islamic University will be built over the next six to eight years, according to Sulaiman Abu Nami, the university's director of public relations. It will be situated on a large hilly area in northern Riyadh, adjacent to the planned new campus of Riyadh University.

Typsa is currently working on the preliminary design of the academic area, which is destined to be the core of the whole campus. Design work should be finished by July, 1981, according to the university.



OPENS WATER PLANT: King Khaled will Saturday morning dedicate the first phase of the SR1.7 billion water desalination complex in Medina.

The Yanbu-Medina plant will produce 25 million gallons of water and 250 megawatts of electricity. Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mubassir bin Abdul Aziz said "the city will get its 20 million gallons a day from Yanbu, and this will mean prosperity for the people," he said.

Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh, who is also chairman of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC), said Medina's share of the water will be carried by a 176-kilometer pipeline, in addition to 250 megawatts of power produced by the plant.

Under SWCC's master plan, the Yanbu-Medina complex will be expanded during Phase II to a capacity of 400 megawatts and 42 million gallons of water per day. The project merges separate facilities originally planned as Yanbu I and Medina I. In May 1979, a Japanese consortium led by Mitsubishi won the SR1.33 billion contract to build five desalination and generation units at the site.

Portuguese premier dies

LISBON, Dec. 5 (AP) — Portugal mourned the plane crash death of Prime Minister Francisco Sa Carneiro Friday as the nation prepared to bury him and vote in presidential elections that could bring down his government.

The 46-year-old prime minister, the only head of a government with a parliamentary majority since the country's 1974 leftist revolution, was killed Thursday along with six other persons as his campaign plane fell in flames after shearing off a wing of an apartment roof while taking off from Lisbon's Airport.

The crash passed control of the ruling center-right coalition Sa Carneiro fashioned to deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Diogo Freitas do Amaral who, like Sa Carneiro, also committed himself to resign if left-leaning President Antonio Ramalho Eanes won re-election in Sunday's voting.

With tears in his eyes, Eanes called off the last 24 hours of his campaign but said voting should go ahead as scheduled. A national election commission meeting Friday was

Crisis defused; troops withdraw

DAMASCUS, Dec. 5 (Agencies) — Syria pulled back troops and tanks from the border with Jordan Friday in the first tangible sign of easing military tensions between the two neighboring Arab states. Western diplomatic sources said tanks were seen rumbling off the border on the Derra-Damascus highway in the early morning hours.

The sources said the withdrawal was apparently intended as goodwill gesture to give Saudi Arabia the chance to work out a detailed agreement that would resolve the dispute.

Saudi Arabia announced on Thursday that Syrian President Hafez Assad has promised to withdraw gradually the 50,000 troops and 1,200 tanks he massed along the Jordanian border.

The announcement said the Syrian move capped four days of a mediation shuttle by Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz between the Syrian and the Jordanian capitals.

The official Saudi Press Agency said Prince Abdullah made the statement upon his return Wednesday night from a mediation mission to Damascus and Amman.

The prince said King Khaled's initiative to contain the border tension has succeeded. He said he found "complete understanding and response" for the King's goodwill mission from President Assad.

"My visit to Jordan also was successful. King Hussein also expressed his appreciation

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Troops in hand-to-hand battle near Susangerd

BEIRUT, Dec. 5 (AP) — Iraq and Iran traded air and artillery attacks on each other's vital oil installations Friday as troops fought hand-to-hand behind charging tanks on the approaches of Iran's southwestern highway town of Susangerd, war communiques said.

Fresh fires were reported gutting the giant oil refining complex of Iran's besieged city of Abadan and Iraq's major pipeline terminal of Fao on the northern rim of the Gulf.

The two targets, 57 kilometers apart on the embattled Shatt Al-Arab waterway, have been hit by missile boats, jets and artillery almost daily in the last five days.

Communiques from Tehran and Baghdad said shells rained on Fao from Iranian to range artillery in Abadan with Iraqi helicopter gunships mounting daybreak raids on Abadan, apparently to silence the Fao barrage.

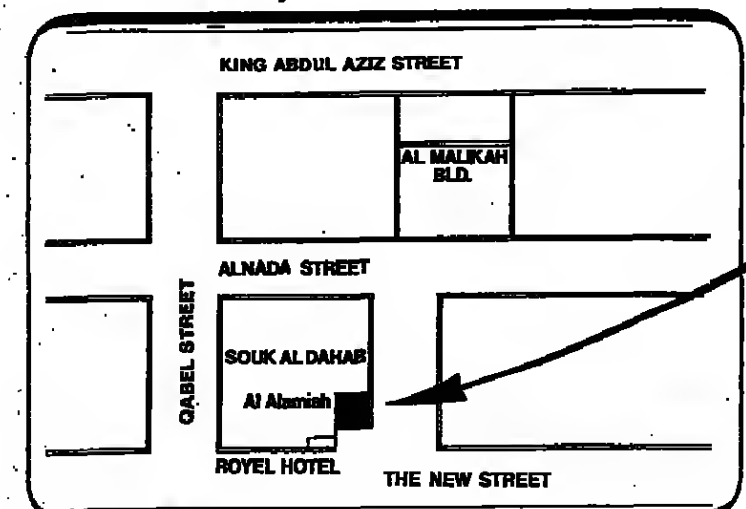
Iranian communiques said close range combat raged for a strategic bridge on the Karbala river that commands the northeastern entrance into Susangerd, 32 kilometers east of the Iraqi border in Iran's oil province of Khuzistan.

The communique said both sides traded tank and helicopter gunship assaults around the bridge as the town was shelled by Iraqi artillery.

Iraq attempted to capture the city in the last two weeks. Iran claimed to have repulsed both attacks on some of the heaviest street battles of the 75-day-old Gulf war. Susangerd's capture would open a 48-kilometer highway for an advance on Khuzistan's capital of Ahwaz.

Iran claimed 290 Iraqi soldiers were killed in the fighting that flared in Khuzistan's main areas of operations as well as the strategic highlands 483 kilometers to the north, which command the main highways from western Iran to Baghdad.

Iraqi communiques claimed 115 Iranian fatalities in the same period on all fronts and conceded 18 Iraqi deaths in the fighting around Abadan and Susangerd some 137 kilometers apart in southwestern Iran.

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Aba al Khail meets ministers

China ties reviewed

TAIPEI, Dec. 5 (Agencies) — Taiwan and Saudi Arabia pledged Friday to step up economic and technical cooperation at the opening of a two-day conference in Taipei.

Taiwan's economics minister, Chang Kwang-shih, said the meeting would help increase cooperation, adding that Taiwan would do its best to assist in Saudi Arabia's current five-year development plan. Reviewing the history of cooperation since 1974, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail, the Kingdom's minister of finance and national economy, said an economic and technical cooperation agreement was signed between the two countries in 1975. This agreement led to the establishment of the commission in 1976.

Saudi Arabian imports from China jumped from SR6 million in 1969 to SR2 billion in 1979. Nationalist China is participating in major projects in Saudi Arabia in the fields of communications, agriculture, trade industry, electricity, petrochemicals, construction and manpower training.

In his opening address, the Chinese minis-

ter welcomed Aba Al-Khail and expressed his satisfaction with the positive work of the joint commission.

Shortly after the opening session, the sub-committee for finance, trade, communications, posts, planning, industry, electricity and agriculture began examining ways and methods of bolstering bilateral cooperation. In the meantime, Aba Al-Khail held a series of meetings with the ministers of foreign affairs, finance and communications and the governor of National China's central bank. Discussions revolved around the possibility of widening the scope of Saudi-Chinese cooperation.

Attending the meetings on the Saudi side were Dr. Reda Ubaid, director of the National Center for Science and Technology; Sheikh Assad Al-Zuhair, the Kingdom's ambassador to Taipei; Sheikh Muhammad Al-Suqayyer, vice president and delegated member to the Saudi Fund for Development; Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum, communications undersecretary; Samir Banajrah, director general of posts; and representatives from other departments concerned. The Chinese



Sheikh Aba Al Khail, minister of economy; the Chinese ambassador to Saudi Arabia; the head of the West Asia desk at the foreign ministry and other officials.

In an arrival statement here Wednesday, Aba Al-Khail said he hoped China would be able to send more technicians to work in Saudi Arabia under the country's development plan. He also said he hoped that the private sector in China would participate in joint ventures.

Islamic studies considered

Spanish talks center on cultural projects

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — King Juan Carlos of Spain has expressed his satisfaction with the development of relations between Saudi Arabia and Spain. He said that this development is in favor of the peoples of both

countries.

In a meeting he had recently with a Saudi delegation led by minister of Higher Education, Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, the King affirmed his readiness to remove any obstacles in the way of cultural and scientific cooperation between the two countries. He was quoted by *Al-Bilad* newspaper Wednesday as saying that some Spanish universities had submitted projects that could help foster cultural cooperation between the two countries.

Among such proposals was study to undertake the possibility of introducing Arabic in intermediate schools in Spain and setting up a special institute for the development of Arab-Spanish relations. The Saudi delega-

tion also expressed its readiness to cooperate in developing bilateral cooperation.

In the meantime, Luis Gonzales, the minister in charge of universities and scientific research, said that the talks which took place with the Saudi delegation last week dealt with the future of cultural and scientific relations between the two countries. He added that his talks with Al-Sheikh centered on the possibility of concluding a cultural agreement.

Both sides exchanged a draft of the proposed agreement to study in detail. He hoped that the agreement could be signed during his next visit to Spain. Talks also dealt with cooperation between the two countries universities. The officials also exchanged views on Islamic and Arabic studies.

Chamber of commerce board to meet

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — The fourth session of the Board of Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry will open at the Riyadh Chamber here Monday under Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood, the board's chairman.

During the two-day meeting, the board will discuss development and amendment of the corporate statute, and trade registration and the ways to remedy to the phenomena of an unprecedented rush of individuals to obtain trade registers.

The board also will examine a request by the head of the Gulf chambers to have the board contact authorities concerned in Saudi Arabia to work for the establishment of a Joint Gulf Organization to check various aspects of Gulf water pollution. It will also study a suggestion to let chamber of commerce that have substantial resources allocate part of their income to the consolidation of chambers suffering from a lack of resources.

In other developments, Dr. Fuad Abdul Salam Al-Faresi, industry and electricity undersecretary for industry, leaves here Saturday for Muscat to attend the eighth session of the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consultancy opening Sunday.

High on the agenda are joint ventures among Gulf countries, the fostering of the Industrial, Economic and Social Data Bank set up by the organization to service member states, and examination of the organization's work plan for next year.

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Ishraq	6.45	6.52	6.24
Dhuhr	12.12	12.13	11.44
Asr	3.17	3.13	2.44
Maghreb	5.39	5.34	5.05
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King Faisal Foundation report

Group spends SR25m on welfare

RIYADH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — The King Faisal Philanthropic Foundation spent about SR25 million on welfare activities since it was set up in 1976, according to a report given Thursday by chairman Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal to members of the foundation.

At present, the foundation is in the process of spending SR35,878,000 on Islamic welfare projects at home and abroad, the report said. The report also mentioned that SR5,668,000 had been spent on Al-Der'yyah foundation, which undertakes research on solar energy and other inventions that could benefit Muslims. Another SR4,478,000 was spent on an Islamic library and archives project to gather the Muslims' heritage to be placed at the disposal of researchers at King Faisal Philanthropic Foundation's new premises.

A sum of SR2,326,000 was spent on King Faisal International Welfare Prize meant for the service of Islam and Muslims in the intellectual, scientific, moral and spiritual fields. Another SR1,049,000 was allocated for a seminar at the university of Southern California on the life and accomplishments of the late King Faisal and his services to Islam and Muslims. The seminar was meant to draw up guidelines or a general framework for the Islamic Dawa activities (invitation to join Islam).

The foundation also spent SR500,000 with an annual subscription of SR50,000 to the fund of the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools. The fund had been set up in accordance with a resolution of the ninth Islamic conference of foreign ministers to give free-interest loans to schools of

Arabic and Islamic religion along with the necessary educational equipment and technical assistance.

King Faisal Philanthropic Foundation also gave SR300,000 to the Research Center for Arab and Islamic History and Science founded by Prof. Fuad Stizkin, a laureate of King Faisal International Prize last year, in cooperation with Frankfurt University.

Another SR38,500 were spent on Al-Labat village water project at Torba, in Saudi Arabia. The project aims at providing drinking water from a valley about two kilometers from the small village, which has 250 inhabitants by installing three pumps and two reservoirs.

Murderers beheaded in Dammam

DAMMAM, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Two convicted murderers were executed by the sword here Friday.

A report read by Interior Ministry officials here just before the executions said that Obeid Al Sadi had killed Mufar Al Hazri and fled but he was caught and subsequently confessed. He was sentenced to death by beheading.

The other murderer was Ali Nasser Al Yamani who killed his compatriot Muhammad Al Yamani by stabbing him to death after a violent dispute. The victim died immediately, but the murderer was caught shortly after his flight from the scene. He also confessed and was sentenced to be beheaded.

The Interior Ministry said it was determined to maintain the peace and tranquility of this society and will not hesitate to carry out the divine injunctions in such matters. Both murderers were beheaded after the Friday prayers here.



Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali

Sudan gets IDB loan

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank will participate with \$5 million in the equity of the Damazin agriculture and livestock project in Sudan. An agreement was signed at the Bank Thursday between IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali and Dr. Saad Abul Ola, chairman of the board of Damazin.

The agreement brings to \$23 million the bank's total contribution to major projects in Sudan in the fields of education, roads, ports, textiles, agriculture and livestock, in addition to \$133,310,000 to help Sudan finance nine foreign trade operations.

Ministry condemns well

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 — The Ministry of Health announced that the Sabhar well in Hail, in the North, had no curative properties at all and that, in fact it was unfit for human consumption.

The announcement was made after extensive laboratory tests on the water specimens from the well. The well attracted a great deal of attention by people who believed they would cure their diseases by drinking the water, or splashing it on their bodies. Thousands of people went to Sabhar for this purpose but with dubious results.

The ministry appears to have squelched such myths by declaring that the water was not only useless, but even harmful for drinking or washing.

Indian official tells of option for investments

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 — The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, which includes the city of Bombay, said, he will lead a delegation of officials to visit the Kingdom and other Gulf countries to acquaint Arabs with the investment potential of his state.

Maharashtra has a population of 60 million and is larger than many European countries. A. R. Antulay said during a short visit to the country during which he performed the umra, minor pilgrimage and visited the Prophet's mosque in Medina. Although he was on a strictly private visit he was welcomed by a representative of the royal protocol.

Antulay said the new investment regulations in India have made the process shorter and the routine less arduous for a variety of service and manufacturing industries. Investors will be permitted to repatriate their money and profits with greater ease, he said. One of the most promising fields at present is the hotel business in the state, which could do with a number of new hotels of varying degrees.

Antulay, senior member of the Indian Congress-Mrs. Gandhi's party — said the new government of India is eager to attract foreign investments especially from the Arab world and Gulf region. The country has the biggest manpower pool in the world and a fine record of industrial stability.



A.R. Antulay

Sanaa meeting ends

SANAA, Dec. 5 (SPA) — The Saudi-Yemen Joint Commission ended its preparatory meeting here Wednesday night for the sixth session of the Saudi-Yemeni Coordination Council, which will be held here shortly. The Saudi side was led by Talaat Hami, director of the Peninsula Administration at the Foreign Ministry, and the Yemeni side by Ibrahim Al-Kabsi, a foreign undersecretary.

In other developments, Farouk Ahil Lam'e, director general of public security in Lebanon, conferred in Beirut Wednesday with Abu Bakr Raff'e, Saudi Arabian charge d'affaires in Lebanon. Talks dealt with issues of common interest.

Taif exhibition opened

TAIF, Dec. 5 (SPA) — Sheikh Saleh Al-Saleem, Taif governor, Wednesday opened the second Collective Exhibition of Plastic Arts in Taif. The six day exhibition is held at the Intercontinental Hotel. It is patronized by the Taif branch of the Saudi Arts and Culture Society. Thursday and Friday are devoted to women visitors.

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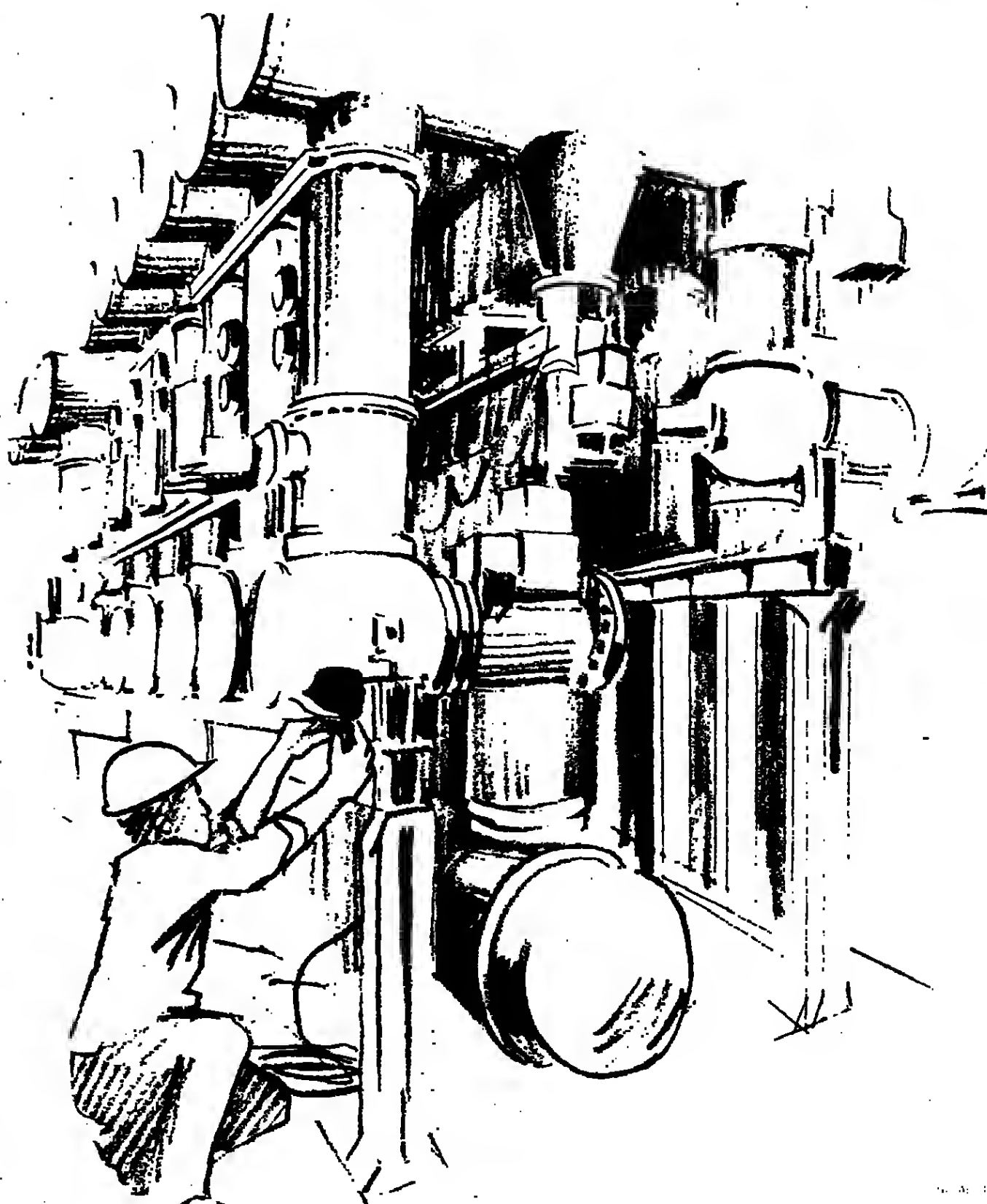
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President Assad

Assad to visit Libya for merger talks

DAMASCUS, Dec. 5 (AFP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad will visit Tripoli in the next ten days for talks with Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi on the union of their two countries, it has been announced here.

The announcement Thursday follows the visit here Wednesday by the Libyan Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ali Abdul Salam Triki, who gave Assad a message from the Libyan leader on the proposed union between Syria and Libya proclaimed on Sept. 10 at Tripoli.

Official sources here indicated last week Assad would only visit Tripoli after the exchange of ratification documents on the Syrian-Soviet cooperation and friendship treaty, which took place Wednesday.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (R) — France and Israel have agreed to improve relations between them, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said after meeting President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. "We agreed that, despite the differences between us, we would improve the atmosphere and the relations between France and Israel," Shamir said after his hour-long meeting with the French leader here Thursday.

ANKARA, (R) — Fifty-eight prominent Ankara lawyers protested Thursday to a martial law court here over alleged torture in prisons and other breaches of human rights since the junta seized power in September, legal sources said.

ATHENS, (AP) — High ranking officials of the Greek and Turkish foreign ministries began talks here Thursday in an effort to solve outstanding problems between the two countries.

ABU DHABI, (AFP) — A 13-member British trade delegation arrived here Friday to discuss increased exchanges with the United Arab Emirates, during a four-day visit. The delegation represents the British steel, transport and household appliance industries among others.

15 killed in Israeli raid near Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 5 (AP) — The Lebanese government said Thursday 15 persons were killed and 12 wounded in an Israeli seaborne assault on Palestinian positions south of Beirut.

The Palestine Liberation Organization conceded three commandos killed in pre-dawn fighting with Israeli troops landed by gunboats at the coastal highway between the Mediterranean townships of Damour and Saadiyat, 20 kilometers south of Beirut.

The PLO communique said four Lebanese

civilian passengers were killed as the raiders shot up two taxicabs traveling through the highway at the time of the landing raid.

A government spokesman here, however, said the official Lebanese version of the casualty toll has been communicated to the U.N. Security Council.

Israel claimed that the raid was part of Israel's policy to preempt Palestinian attacks against Israel. The Lebanese government called it an "overt aggression against a sovereign U.N. member-state."

Bomb explosion rocks Jerusalem

DAMASCUS, Dec. 5 (R) — Palestinian commandos claimed responsibility for a bomb explosion in Jerusalem Thursday, saying many Israelis were killed or wounded in the blast.

The Palestine news agency Wafa quoted a spokesman as saying the unit returned to base safely. Wafa did not say to which group the commandos belonged, but said scores of Palestinians were arrested after the explosion.

Wafa — published by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which includes the main commando groups — said the blast also caused heavy damage to shops.

In Jerusalem, Israeli police said two persons were "injured" when a bomb exploded Thursday in a street there.

The bomb was planted near a fast food stall in King George street, one of the main thoroughfares in west Jerusalem. One person was treated for cuts caused by flying glass and another for shock.

U.S. to give \$200m aid to Turkey

ANKARA, Dec. 5 (Agencies) — Turkey and the United States have signed an agreement here under which Turkey will receive \$200 million of aid for its urgent economic needs, Turkish government officials said.

134 million would be in the form of a grant. Turkey would pay back the remaining \$66 million in 20 years after a five-year grace period with a five per cent interest rate.

The credit is the second part of a total of \$295 million pledged by the United States earlier this year as part of an aid package to Turkey totaling \$1.16 billion from the

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The agreement was signed Thursday by Turkish Finance Minister Kaya Erde and the Charge d'Affaires of the American embassy, Richard W. Boehm.

In addition to the military and economic assistance, the United States has regularly scheduled Turkish debt payments to ease the balance of payments crunch.

Last month the two countries signed an agreement under which the United States rescheduled \$350 million in Turkish debts.

MEA to select Airbus A-310 engine

BEIRUT, Dec. 5 (R) — Middle East Airlines (MEA) is to start negotiations shortly with aircraft engine manufacturers to select the engine for five new Airbus A-310 planes, an airline spokesman has said. A team left Beirut Thursday for the United States and Britain to meet the manufacturers, he said.

Industry sources said MEA was considering engines made by the U.S. companies Pratt

and Whitney and General Electric and Britain's Rolls-Royce.

Last month, the Beirut-based company announced plans to buy five wide-bodied European Airbus A-310 jets worth \$350 million with an option to purchase 14 more of the twin-engined planes. The airline spokesman declined to put a value on the prospective deal.

Ethiopia, Kenya to face 'Somali expansionism'

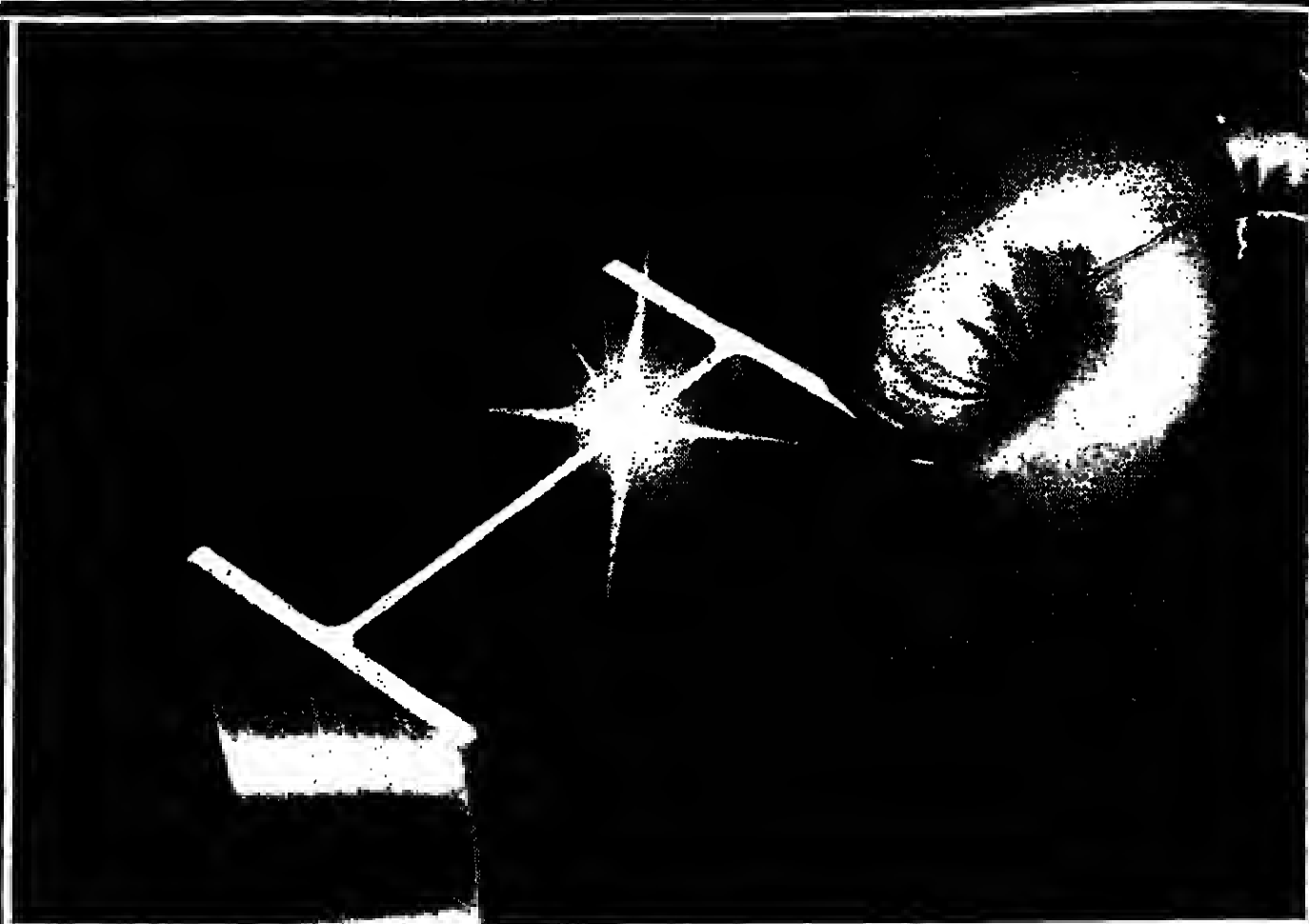
NAIROBI, Dec. 5 (AFP) — Kenya and Ethiopia have pledged to coordinate their activities "in the struggle against Somalia's expansionism and anti-unity forces," according to a joint communique published here at the end of a four-day visit to Kenya by Ethiopian Head of State Mengistu Haile Mariam.

The communique, issued after Col. Mengistu's return home Thursday laid out the minimum conditions the two countries would expect Somalia to meet if "durable peace, stability and security is to be achieved in the Horn of Africa region."

These included Somalia's renouncing publicly and unconditionally all claims to parts of Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti and declaring null and void all instruments asserting such claims.

In particular Somalia would have to "withdraw its reservation on the decision on state frontiers made by the OAU (Organization of African Unity) summit conference in Cairo in 1964," the communique said.

(The OAU Charter acknowledges frontiers existing at the time of independence of African states).



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The Sound Of Magic

In Paris museum

Web of mystery surrounds six tapestries

By Susan Hughes

This summer, while visiting the Musée de Cluny in Paris, I was bewitched by the enchanting *Lady and the Unicorn*. For that is the affectionate title of the series of six medieval tapestries which have been charming visitors to the Cluny for nearly one hundred years.

Each panel of tapestry depicts the lady, gowned in elegant 15th century robes, standing in a deep blue oval garden planted with oak and holly trees, pine and flowering orange. The rose-colored background is strewn with flowers after the medieval customs of strewing the ground with flowers on feast days. With the lady are a lion and a unicorn, a mythical beast of prodigious strength which, by legend, could be captured only by a virgin. In each tapestry, the lion and the unicorn carry banners or shields showing a coat of arms composed of a blue diagonal stripe with three white crescents on a red field.

An exotic menagerie inhabits the lady's garde: dogs, monkeys, birds, rabbits, young cheetahs, foxes, and even a baby unicorn. In several panels, a young woman servant accompanies the lady offering a dish of sweets or pumping the organ bellows as the lady plays.

George Sand, the novelist, was primarily responsible for popularizing the tapestries. She first saw them at the Chateau de Boussac in 1844, and, enchanted with them, described them in several articles and novels. Prosper Mérimée, Inspector of Historic Monuments, waged a campaign to rescue *The Lady and the Unicorn* from the damp chateau walls where they were deteriorating. In 1882 the tapestries were purchased by the French government and put on exhibit at the Cluny Museum. After the Second World War a circular skylit hall was designed and added to

the Cluny to house the *Lady and the Unicorn* tapestries.

A web of romantic legend and mystery has surrounded the tapestries since their discovery. For whom were they designed and woven, and why?

Theories popular in the early nineteenth century told of a young Prince held prisoner near Boussac, where the tapestries were found. This theory assumes that the tapestries were to be a gift to the Prince's lady love.

In 1883 a major clue was discovered when the arms were recognized as belonging to the LeVistes, a family originating from the Lyon region. The next theory was that the tapestries were commissioned as a wedding gift for some woman in the LeViste family.

However, it was the custom of the time to show both the coat of arms of the bride's family and that of the groom on tapestries commissioned for wedding gifts, and *The Lady and the Unicorn* shows only one coat of arms. More genealogical sleuth-work by art scholars and others fascinated with the Lady's history demonstrated that the tapestries were probably commissioned between 1484 and 1500 by Jean Le Viste, a prominent person in the royal administration. "The occasion was probably either his becoming head of his family and gaining the right to bear the full family arms or his appointment as President of the Court of Aids."

The meaning of the six tapestries is another absorbing topic. Five of them seem obviously to symbolize the five senses. In the first, the Lady holds a mirror up to the Unicorn; in the second, she plays an organ; in the third, she takes a sweet from a dish while a parakeet perched on her finger eats one; in the fourth, she weaves a garland of flowers, while her pet monkey sniffs a flower taken from her basket. In the fifth, she holds the banner staff with one hand while she caresses the Unicorn's horn with the other.



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The meaning of the sixth panel is more obscure. In his scene the lady appears before a beautiful blue tent, upon which is the inscription, "A mon seul desir." In her hands is a jeweled oedeklace which she is replacing into a case held by her servant. The meaning of the inscription is the key: "A mon seul desir" or "only by my will" signifies the philosophical meaning of free will: by keeping the senses in check, man avoids becoming enslaved by his passions.

Now, after more than a century of speculation and study, the remaining unsolved mysteries of the lady are the identity of the artist who designed the tapestries and the place where they were woven. It's unlikely that

these two questions will ever be satisfactorily answered, for the possibilities are many and the clues few.

But a few unsolved mysteries are of little consequence when one has the opportunity to stand in the circular hall and delight in the charms of *The Lady and the Unicorn*. It is the good fortune of us all that the artist who created hers saw no contradiction between the lady's message and the opulence of the visual feast she affords us.

If you are going to Paris, you can be enchanted by *The Lady and the Unicorn* every day except Tuesday from 9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 to 5.15 p.m. at the Cluny Museum, 6 Place Paul-Painlevé, for the sum of 7F.



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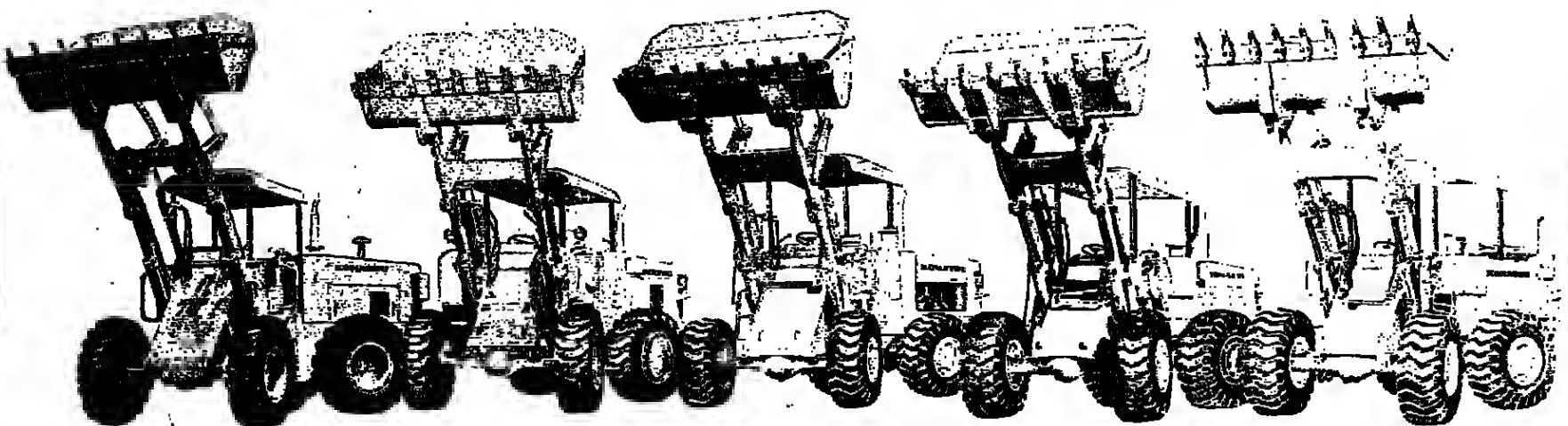
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Portuguese prime minister: A master of brinkmanship

LISBON — In the world of Portuguese politics, Francisco Sa Carneiro, the prime minister killed in an air crash Thursday night, established himself as a master of brinkmanship. His political career was one long series of gambles, often against overwhelming odds. He always raised the stakes and always won.

Following his reelection in October at the head of the conservative Democratic Alliance, he founded last year, Sa Carneiro led active opposition to left-wing Gen. Antonio Ramalho Eanes' bid to retain the presidency in elections to be held on Sunday.

In April 1979, half the parliamentary deputies of the Social-Democratic Party that Sa Carneiro founded five years earlier resigned in protest at his aggressive style of politics.

What should have been a setback turned into a triumph. Within three months he was acclaimed party president and in December 1979, led the Social Democrats and their allies to victory in general elections, becoming the first right-wing prime minister since the 1974 Portuguese revolution.

Taking a risk was part of his style. Compromise was not. Many of his allies said such a style was the most dangerous characteristic of a man who meant to be a national leader.

When Marcelo Caetano took over the mantle of dictator Antonio Salazar in 1968, Sa Carneiro, who has already made his mark as a successful lawyer, joined the official opposition. He entered parliament in 1969 but was soon in open conflict with the government, questioning the activities of the hated secret police set up by Salazar.

On Feb. 2, 1973, Sa Carneiro resigned from parliament. The underground Communist Party acclaimed him a hero but the right branded him a traitor. During his three years in the national assembly, Sa Carneiro had called for an official inquiry into the workings of the secret police and

proposed a constitutional revision.

A few weeks after young officers staged a coup in April, 1974, Sa Carneiro and close associates formed the Popular Democratic Party (PPD). It defined itself as Social Democratic and non-Marxist and declared its full support for the Armed Forces Movement (MFA) that had staged the coup.

Sa Carneiro entered Portugal's first provisional government after the coup, in May 16, 1974, as a minister of state.

But the government failed in its attempt to get the military to hand over power immediately to the civilians and fell in July. Sa Carneiro's PPD was represented in all but one of the provisional governments that followed, but he only returned to office six years later when he formed his own government.

In February 1975, Sa Carneiro flew to London for treatment for health problems resulting from a car accident two years earlier. He returned to active politics in October, 1975.

In the elections that year for a constitutional assembly, Sa Carneiro's PPD emerged as the second strongest party after the Socialists. But he was at pains to point out his long absence in London prevented him taking part in the work of the constituent assembly.

His purpose was to wash his hands of a text of a revised constitution adopted by the assembly in April 1976 at the military's instigation and couched in revolutionary language he was determined to write.

In April 1976, the PPD captured 24 per cent of votes in elections for the first post-revolutionary parliament. The Socialist Party gained 35 per cent but refused to share power with Sa Carneiro's party.

Earlier Thursday evening, Sa Carneiro confidently told a press conference that his candidate, Gen. Antonio Soares Carneiro (no relation) would defeat President Eanes, who is standing with Social-

ist and Soviet support. During the political struggles of recent months, he told voters he wanted to give Portugal four years of political stability in which to undertake far-reaching economic and constitutional reforms.

Sa Carneiro dominated the ruling coalition and the organization of his Social Democratic Party (PSD), the largest political party in Portugal and senior partner in the Democratic Alliance. It will be difficult for the Democratic Alliance's politicians to find a man with the stature and prestige of Sa Carneiro to take his place and keep the alliance together.

As prime minister he insisted on bringing a Danish-born divorcee, Sina Abecassis, to official functions and introducing her as his wife to visiting foreign diplomats.

Potentially more damaging for his electoral image, however, was a Communist-led campaign about his private finances.

This year, the Communists accused Sa Carneiro of owing a large sum of money to the banks. He denied the charge and sued the Communist newspaper *O Diario* for libel. The debate showed that Sa Carneiro was a wealthy man and that he had dealt heavily on the stock exchange before the revolution.

Francisco Manuel Lumbrals de Sa Carneiro was born in Oporto, Portugal's second largest city, on July 19, 1934, the son of a prominent lawyer, Jose Gualberto Sa Carneiro. He graduated in law from Lisbon University in 1956 and returned to his home town to start a highly successful law practice. He was for several years the co-editor of the Portuguese *Lawcourts Review*, founded by his father. (R)

Reagan dines Carter's allies

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON — "When Nancy and I are in Washington next week, we hope to greet old friends and make new ones in the community. We hope you will be able to join us for dinner at 7:30 p.m. Informal. RSVP. Sincerely Ronald Reagan."

As the telegrams began to arrive last month many Washingtonians thought them a practical joke. The switchboard at the Reagan transition headquarters here was jammed with angry calls. "But I'm a lifelong Democrat..." "We've never even met the Reagans..." "I don't think this is very funny."

But no: the President-elect was, in his staff's vernacular, "reaching out." He had run for election on an anti-Washington platform, and Washington had voted against him. He had never lived or worked in the nation's capital. Yet Reagan arrived in town last month determined to woo Washington and rapprochement was turning to romance.

Apart from sundry visits to Capitol Hill Republicans, Reagan wined and dined 100 local luminaries at a series of private dinner parties. Guest ranged from Mstislav Rostropovich, director of the National Symphony Orchestra, to the owner of the local football team. Even Robert Strauss, Carter's campaign chairman, was above the salt. The mayor of Washington, Marion Barry, was beside himself. A Democrat and a black, he had campaigned for Carter, and had been wondering if Reagan would even give him the time of day. Yet here he was sitting next to Nancy, while his wife Effie graced the right hand of the President-elect, lobbying gently on the city's behalf amid advice on shops and restaurants.

Barry had not met Carter, he recalled, until some months after his arrival in the White House. Many more of the excited dinner guests had never met the president. The point was not lost on Reagan. The contrast in styles could not have been more deliberate.

"He's already been up here more often than Carter has in four years," crowed one Republican leader on the Capitol steps next day. Reagan wandered from office to congressional office as wide-eyed as a tourist, his most modest aw-shucks in place as he humbly sought advice. "Well," cautioned Speaker "Tip" O'Neill, "you're in the big

league now." O'Neill, now the most powerful Democrat in town, declared Reagan "a thoroughly personable fellow" and promised to cause him no trouble "for at least six months." Even Senator Edward Kennedy sought out the new arrival "to offer him my help in reducing unemployment."

Reagan dropped by the Supreme Court — the first president-elect to do so in more than a century — before finally wending his way to the White House, where Carter accorded him a gracious welcome. The two men talked transition for 90 minutes while Rosalynn gritted her teeth and showed Nancy round the house.

Reagan returned to California after generating enormous goodwill in the capital. About the only group left muttering in corners is the so-called "new" Right, which worked so hard to elect him. "I'm beginning to wonder," said one of its gurus, John Lofton, editor of *Conservative Digest* — "Whether Ronald Reagan is really a Reaganite."

For Ronald Reagan's "reaching out" operation is quite as much as political as a social exercise. His transition teams, and indeed lists of potential cabinet members he is studying, are prepared with what conservative ideologues like to call "Nixon-Ford re-treads". Right-wing Republicans are alarmed.

They have always claimed Reagan as their messiah, yet now they fear they are watching him being swallowed up by the mainstream party machine. To the president-elect, it is an attempt to broaden his party's base in a bid for effective government. To the "old" and the "new" Right, it is treachery.

The "old" Right is not so volatile, as its leading members, Senators Barry Goldwater, Jesse Helms and Strom Thurmond are all now the proud possessors of powerful committee chairmanships. But the "new" Right — a loose amalgam of single-issue groups, "political action committees", religious fundamentalists and other lobbyists — believes it has a right to be heard.

The margin of Reagan's victory, however, left him in no single faction's debt. Analysis of the results, moreover suggests that Americans banded Reagan and his party their mandate much more because of economic and national security concerns than abortion or any other such a "new right" issue. — (OFNS)

TENSION EASES

The dark cloud of crisis between Jordan and Syria is beginning to disperse. Prince Abdullah's mission is showing results — it is already reported that elements of the Syrian army have begun to withdraw from the Deraa area on the borders.

One of the strangest aspects of the crisis was the speed it took to develop. The other was its persistent enigmatic nature. It is no exaggeration to say that most observers had no idea why the relations between the two countries deteriorated so dangerously and at such a great speed.

The publication of the Syrian demands, and Jordan's quick acceptance of them, did not go a great way toward clarifying the situation. Syria's first demand was that Jordan should cease offering assistance to the Muslim Brothers, who are waging war on the Damascus regime. But Jordan had always denied that it ever assisted them; and had gone, three months ago, to the length of inviting the Syrians to check for themselves.

The second demand was for an undertaking by Jordan never to claim to speak for the Palestinians. Again, Jordan was willing to comply since it had not done so, and is not considering doing so in the future, as it had always made clear. Jordan had always abided by the resolutions of the Rabat summit, which named the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

Syria has also raised the matter of the meeting between the Jordanians and members of Reagan's team, claiming that Jordan was seeking to enter into the Camp David process. But the onus of the proof here is on Syria, since the Jordanians say that the meeting was nothing out of the ordinary, given their relations with the U.S.

The easing of the crisis was not the only encouraging sign the Arab world has seen recently. There are signs that the long-standing crisis between Iraq and Syria is also de-escalating. The Syrians are to allow passage for Iraqi oil going to the West. The agreement shows that, beyond the political differences of the two leaderships, the mutual interests of their peoples come first.

Kenya withdraws aid threat

By Alastair Matheson

NAIROBI, — Kenya is trying to defuse the explosive situation in its North-Eastern Province, where more than 300 people are alleged to have been killed since troops were brought in last month to impose a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

The 600,000 people of the province are nearly all ethnic Somalis and Kenya sees the present unrest as a drift toward a secessionist uprising aimed at uniting the territory of Kenyan Somalis with the neighboring Somali republic.

A blunder by the provincial commissioner, Benson Kaaria, increased the tension last month when he threatened to stop issuing famine relief until local people cooperated with the authorities by arresting "bandits" responsible for the trouble. That threat has now been withdrawn by Kenya's Internal Security Ministers, G.G. Karuki, who flew to the province recently and announced: "You will continue to get food thanks to the kindness of President Moi, who does not want innocent children to suffer for the mistakes of others."

The trouble was brought to a head by the killing of four government officials. Now the authorities

face a major problem in trying to impose a state of emergency in this semi-desert region, especially the task of herding more than half a million people into "security villages" under the 12-hour curfew.

Seasonal rains are making many roads impassable and most of the personnel and supplies are being rushed from Nairobi by air, including tons of barbed wire to seal off the villages.

Despite denials from the Somali government in Mogadishu and from its Nairobi ambassador, the Kenyan government believes the four killings were inspired from across the border.

Karuki made it clear that the army and police are under orders to shoot to kill during the night curfew. "This time we intend to bring a permanent solution to this menace," he said. After Kenya won its independence, it fought for four years to put down a Somali secessionist war in the province.

One of the province's MPs, Muhammad Sheikh, claimed on Nov. 15 that more than 300 Somalis had been killed "in cold blood" during the previous week and that houses were being looted and burned. Appealing to President Moi to restrain the Kenyan security forces, Sheikh said that many Kenyan Somalis had fled across the border for safety.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

All newspapers highlighted the success of the Saudi Arabian mediation initiative between Syria and Jordan, and the positive response by the two sides in the conflict. *Al-Jazirah* gave the issue its lead under the headline of "the results of the Saudi initiative". The paper said President Hafez Assad of Syria had promised gradual withdrawal of the Syrian forces from the border with Jordan. Meanwhile, *Okaz* said Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, who carried the mediation efforts, was to present a report on the results of his visits to Syria and Jordan.

The paper quoted Arab diplomatic sources as saying the success of the Saudi Arabian mediation efforts was based on three factors. Firstly, the confidence of the two countries in the Kingdom; Secondly, the comprehensive, detailed and realistic way Prince Abdullah presented the differences between the two countries; and lastly, the clear and open consideration of the consequences of an armed clash between the two countries.

The paper also led with King Khaled's visit to Medina, which begins Saturday, during which he will dedicate the water desalination plant in Medina. The papers also gave prominence to the growing tension in Poland and President Carter's warning to the Soviet Union against a military inter-

ference. *Al-Jazirah* said in a special story that East German and Czechoslovakian forces have been poised for military intervention in Poland instead of Soviet troops. The paper added that the phenomena of independent labor parties might spread to East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Meanwhile, editorials dealt with the Kingdom's successful mediation initiative between Syria and Jordan, emphasizing the positive response which is considered success for Arabs and Muslims. *Okaz* stated that the success of King Khaled's initiative in defusing the tension at the Syrian-Jordanian border places the whole Arab community in a position where they should absorb the problems floating on the surface and concentrate all their efforts on the crucial issues.

The positive response of Amman and Damascus confirms to the world that Arabs are able to cope with their problems and stand up to defend their crucial issues and rights. It also is the beginning of a new inter-Arab strategy to draw up a united strategy to regain occupied Arab land and restore the rights of the Palestinian people, the paper added.

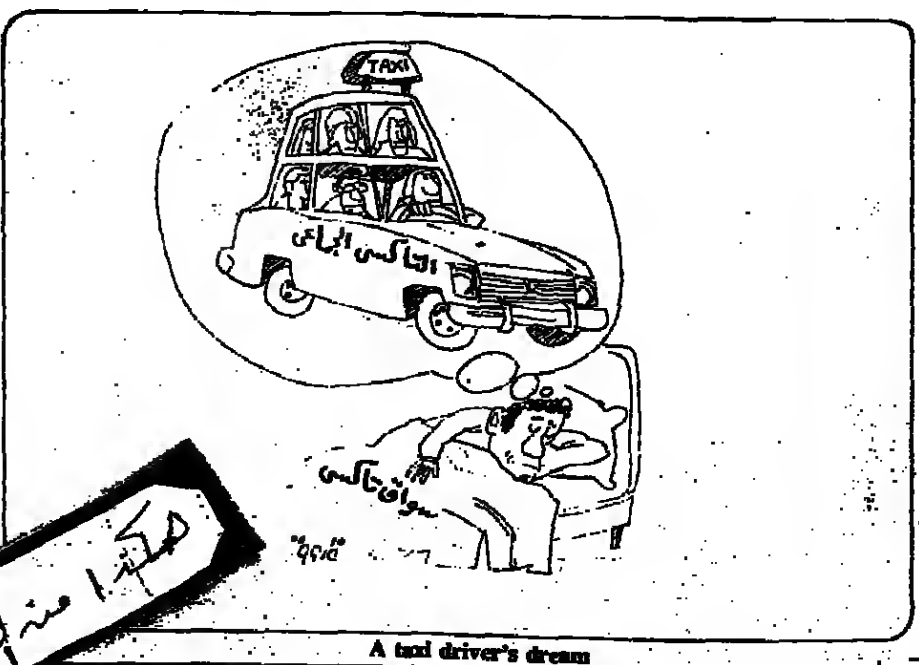
The success of the Kingdom's initiative confirms the effective role of Saudi Arabia in the Arab and

Islamic affairs, and at the same time proves that the occasional differences in the Arab can be solved, the paper went on.

Al-Jazirah noted that the success of the mediation is not a forced solution or a mere calming of the tension. It is an initiative aimed at solving the whole problem and liquidating its causes and the negative background that led to the deterioration of relations between the two countries, the paper added. The Kingdom sought a solution to the tension and a complete erasure of its causes based on realism and sound principles of good understanding of the real intentions of the leaderships of the two countries.

The Saudi Arabian move was based on a clear and detailed understanding of the present situation and the challenges and dangers facing the Arab community. The Saudi leadership also aimed at bringing the Syrian and Jordanian leaderships to the Kingdom's view, the paper added. It denounced some of the foreign and Arab media who expressed their dissatisfaction with the Saudi Arabian move and their vicious attempts to show that the Syrian-Jordanian tension was still unresolved.

The paper said these parties did not understand the objectives of the Kingdom's initiative, and that no room is left, now that the mediation move has succeeded, for taking advantage of the crisis.



At British embassy

Bazaar offers fund-raising fun

By Andrew Craig

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 — One of the biggest social events of the year took place Thursday... the British wives' bazaar at the British embassy. More than 5,000 people turned up to sample the entertainments and produce, and a total of SR280,000 was raised for various charities.

Many British and Saudi Arabian companies and individuals donated goods to be

sold on the stalls and prizes for competitions. These included a Land Rover, a sailing dinghy, a free holiday in Bangkok and a Mazda car, which fetched SR 20,000 in an auction.

The committees had been planning the event since last March, and many British ladies had been working since then to produce articles for sale. In fact, the idea for the bazaar originally came from a ladies' sewing circle: the members decided that such an

event would enable them to put their products to good use. Besides this, the group kept them busy and gave them a chance to mix socially with other wives. The first step was to choose the charities, and then the ladies got to work finding sponsors and making or collecting goods for the bazaar.

One stall featured a wide variety of soft toy animals, including bears, squirrels, penguins and a huge and very appealing camel. Others offered loveable rag dolls and an interesting display of macrame pot plant holders in various colors, decorated with wooden beads. Beautiful hand-painted clothes were also on sale, and T-shirts designed specially for the bazaar were snapped up like hot cakes. A competition had been held to find a suitable design, and one of the winners was an eight-year old girl from a local school. A thousand of the T-shirts were ordered and sold well at SR10 each.

Food was not neglected, with stalls creaking under the weight of rich cakes, preserves and traditional plum puddings. Immediate refreshment for the spectators was provided by vast quantities of ice-cream, drinks and hot dogs cooked by girl guides on an open fire.

Art, too was well represented: the works on display included prints of wildlife seen in and around Jeddah, and pictures of the old quarter of the city by artists Frans Op Deo Kamp and Spencer W. Tarr, some color-tinted by hand. These prints were also available on greeting cards, and another stall sold calendars decorated with superb underwater photographs of the Red Sea.

The selection of Bedouin jewellery attracted good crowds, some to buy and others simply to admire the fine craftsmanship. Necklaces, pendants and bracelets were on sale, made in silver, coral, amber and mother-of-pearl. Jewellery from Syria, Egypt and Tunisia was also available. Another product of the industrious British ladies was a display of elegant dinner table decorations made from dried leaves and flowers.

Children were kept amused by a lucky dip and a clever and hilarious puppet show, and showed a strong interest in the Continental School's toy stalls. The only disappointed ones were those who were looking forward to seeing a herd of white elephants and were not impressed by a stall covered in secondhand clothes and bric-a-brac.

Very popular were the sideshows, including crazy golf, an electric wire game to test the steadiest hand, darts a strength-testing machine and the traditional coconut shy and hoopla. And there was a long queue for the sport of throwing wet sponges at a volunteer imprisoned in a set of stocks!

As well as being a fine charity fund-raising effort, the bazaar produced a great deal of fun, and a large crowd went home tired but happy.



CHILDREN: having fun, even if they're a bit sticky! (Photo by Laurie Thomas)

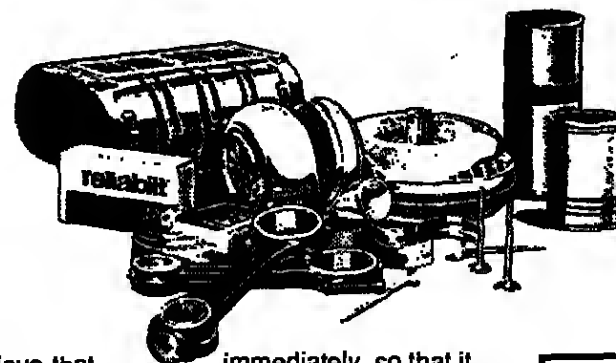


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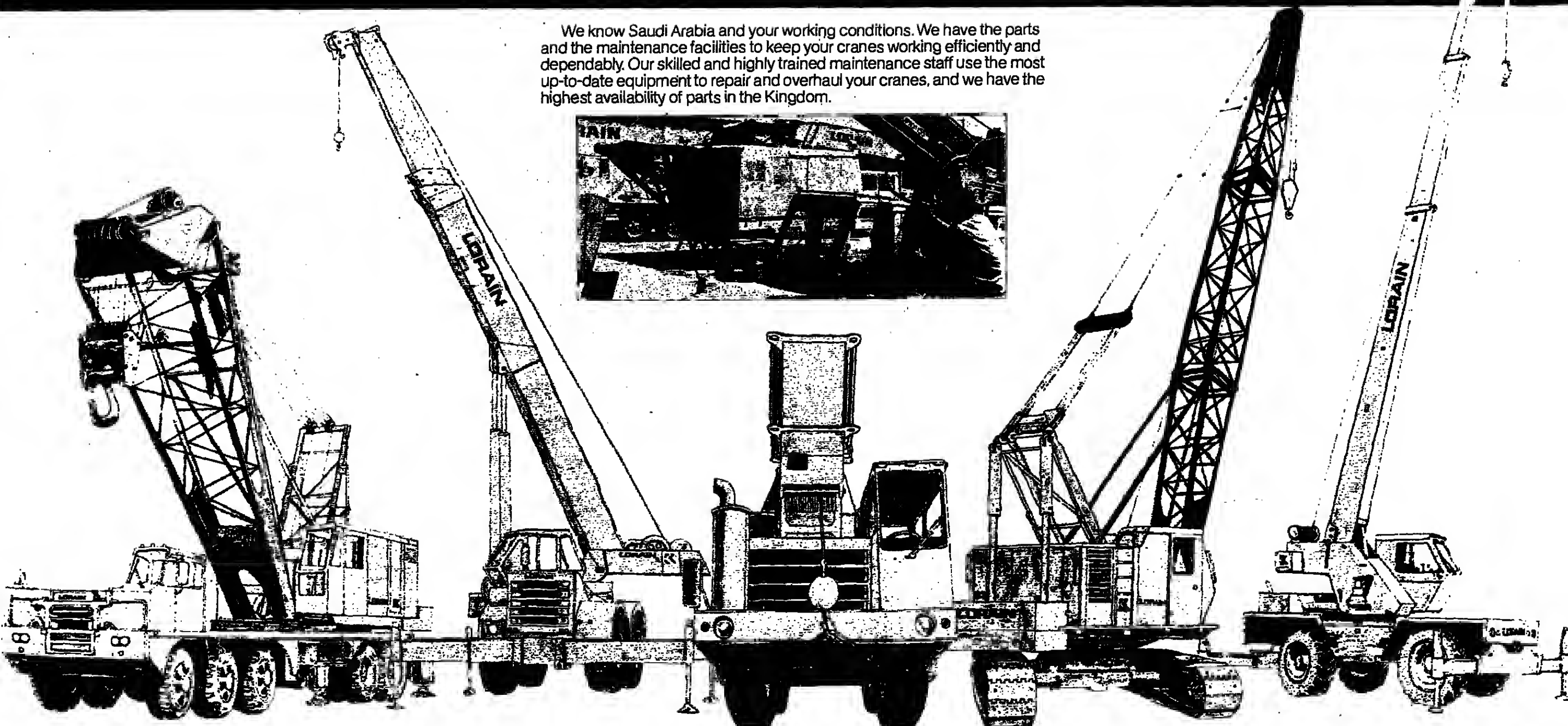
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Fire engulfs conference in New York; 26 killed

HARRISON, New York, Dec. 5 (R) — A flash fire in a conference center here Thursday killed 26 people, most of them businessmen trapped in a room where they were attending a demonstration of new computers.

All the dead were burned beyond recognition by the fast-moving fire, and officials said it would take time to identify them. Employees of several major corporations were attending meetings in the multi-roomed building when the fire erupted just before noon, filling it with black smoke.

As many as 40 people were hurt. Most suffered minor injuries as they jumped out of upper windows of the two-story complex. Fire officials and arson experts said they could not readily explain how the blaze broke

Moderates win British Labor posts

LONDON, Dec. 5 (R) — British opposition Labor politicians elected a middle of the road team Thursday to be their principal spokesmen in parliament. The Labor party's new leader, left-winger Michael Foot, will have to work with a shadow cabinet in which the center-right has a majority of two to one.

The failure of leading left-winger Tony Benn to win a place (he came 13th in an election for 12 places) will be a set-back to his

U.S. school issued first patent on gene-swapping

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The first U.S. patent on basic gene-swapping techniques has been issued to Stanford University, the U.S. Patent Office said Thursday.

The patent involves genetic engineering, a process in which the molecules in an organism that dictate its growth, known as DNA, are changed by swapping them with materials

out with such intensity that it engulfed most of the room in minutes. "No one even had time to shout 'Fire'," one survivor told reporters. She escaped by jumping out a window.

Attorney Carl Vergari, heading the investigation into the blaze, said, "There was a smoke and gas build-up in the early stage, then it burst into intense flame that engulfed the area and the people. The entire end of the building was completely destroyed. Everything that was flammable burned completely. It looked a repeat of the MGM (Hotel) fire in Las Vegas — intense fire in an area with no sprinklers."

Last month's Las Vegas fire killed 84 people.

hopes of keeping on the forefront of politics during the next few years and eventually winning the party leadership.

Two new members were elected, right-winger Gerald Kaufman and left-winger Neil Kinnock, taking the places of former party leader James Callaghan and former Foreign Minister David Owen. Owen has been a staunch campaigner on Labor's right wing on its battle for control of party policy. He did not stand for the shadow cabinet.

from another organism. When this is done a bacteria can be made to do something it normally wouldn't, such as produce valuable hormones and proteins.

"This is the first patent on recombinant DNA. There have been other patents involving the manufacture of different kinds of nucleic acids."

Indian police back cohorts on blindings

NEW DELHI, Dec. 5 (AP) — Policemen in Bhagalpur County, northern India, blocked trains to protest the arrest and suspension of some colleagues for allegedly blinding suspected criminals, news reports from the area said.

About 5,000 policemen and villagers squatted on railroad tracks Wednesday, disrupting traffic at Kalgau near Bhagalpur, located 300 kilometers northwest of Calcutta. The *Indian Express* newspaper said that several prominent residents of Bhagalpur were supporting the blindings and backing the police.

The *Express*, which first brought the blindings to the notice of the country late last month, said the supporters included local reporters. It said that they marched with protesting policemen to the police headquarters on Wednesday and said they would not allow the transfer of the local police superintendent, who along with 14 others was suspended and charged with dereliction of duty.

The newspaper quoted some of the newsmen as saying that they were "very unhappy" with reports of the blindings published by the national news media.

The *Times of India* reported that the number of blinded detainees now totals 33 with two more victims of alleged police brutality having been located. Three others died during hospitalization, it said, after the blindings allegedly by police who first punctured the eyes with needles and poured sulfuric acid into the wounds.

Local police say that the prisoners were blinded by mobs angered by a high crime rate and that some policemen may have participated in some attacks.

28 Italians arrested in crackdown on urban guerrillas

ROME, Dec. 5 (R) — Police in eight Italian cities have arrested 28 suspected urban guerrillas, including four alleged leaders of the Prima Linea (Front Line) gang. They also uncovered 11 clandestine hideouts and large amounts of arms in raids in Rome, Naples, Tadmor, Milan, Genoa, Florence, Bologna, and Bergamo.

Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni said the arrest were a major breakthrough in the fight against terrorism and came as security forces continued to help in clean-up operations in the wake of last week's devastating earthquake. Most prominent among the arrested was Roberto Rosso, 31, alleged leader of the Gang's operational base in north

Italy and considered its chief ideologist. He is wanted for at least two murders.

Rosso was arrested at Ostia near Rome early Thursday after a gunfight with police during which he was wounded in the leg. He is now in the medical section of Rome's Regina Celi jail.

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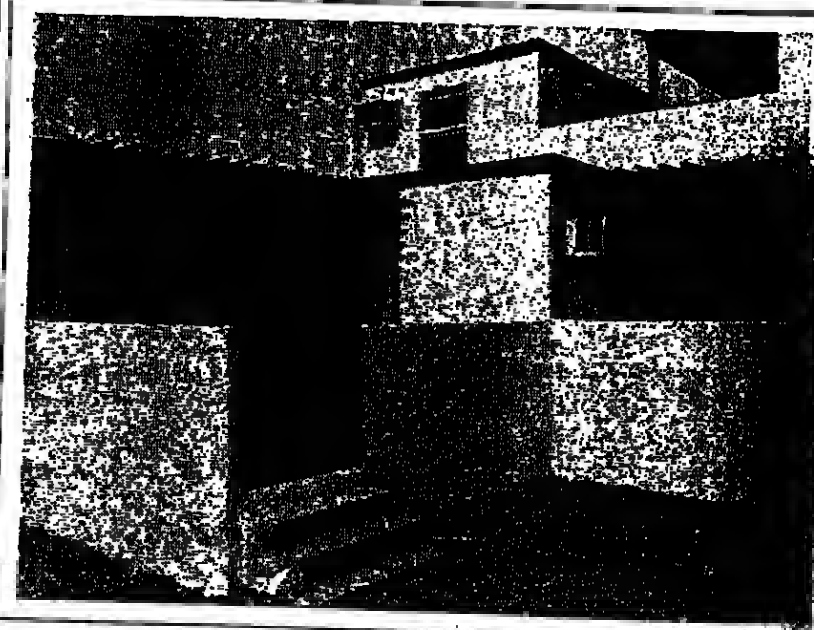


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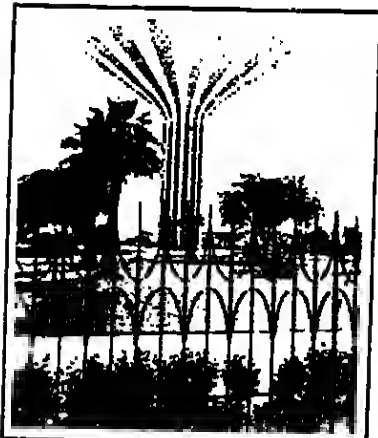
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Hua's ouster said imminent

Onetime Mao successor loses ideological battle

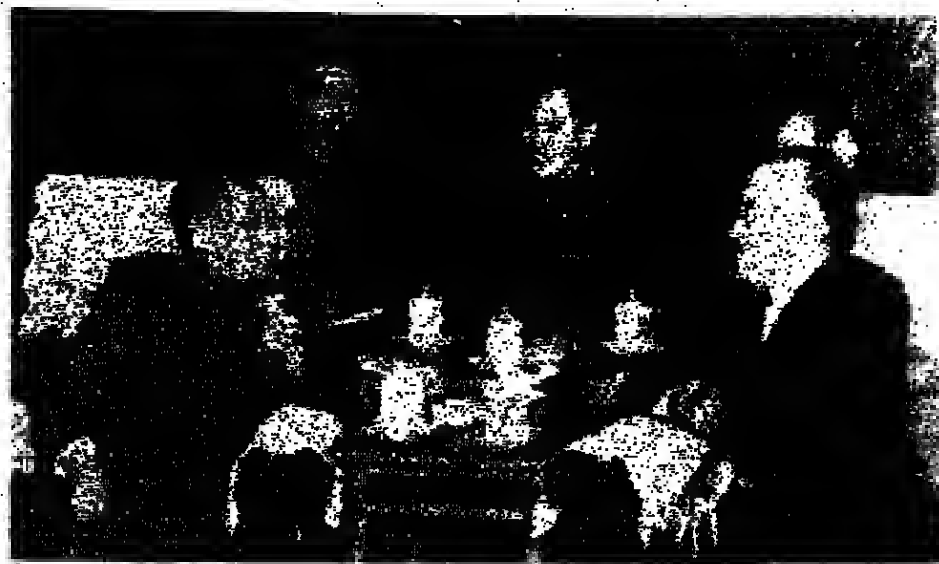
PEKING, Dec. 5 (LAT) — Deng Xiaoping, vice chairman of the Chinese Communist Party and the country's dominant political figure, appears to be moving to replace party Chairman Hua Guofeng with a close associate of his own, probably precipitating similar changes throughout the party and government.

Deng told two foreign Communist Party delegations recently that Hu Yaobang, now the party's general secretary, will get a "big promotion" at the party congress planned for early next year. Hu is now in charge of the party's day-to-day work, and the only position of greater importance is the party chairmanship. Deng's broad hint was dropped to delegations from the Spanish Communist Party and the Romanian government.

Whether Hua, who was Mao Tse-tung's final choice as a successor, has agreed to step aside and whether he will get a new job are uncertain. Hua gave up the premiership in September to another Deng associate, Zhao Ziyang.

Hua is no longer the obstacle he was as recently as a year ago to Deng's pragmatic policies — he lost his last ideological battle recently when he publicly challenged the new primacy of economics over politics, and was rebuffed within the top leadership. But he is a symbol to the tens of thousands of other officials who rose during the Cultural Revolution of the late 1960s, and, in the current terms, may not have "emancipated their thinking" or still "reflect the pernicious influence of the ultra-leftists."

Deng wants to purge those men, Chinese and foreign analysts believe, to ensure that the new program adopted at the party congress gets full and enthusiastic support at all levels of the party and government, and to further ensure that the radicals do not have a



OUSTER LOOMS: Chinese Communist Party Chairman Hua Guofeng, right photo, was marked as a has-been by party Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping, his political superior, at a meeting with Spanish Communist Party chief Gen. Santiago Carrillo. Carrillo is shown with Deng in the photo at left.

power base for a comeback.

That reasoning argues against Hua being given the post of a ceremonial head of state, as was once rumored, for even there he would remain a symbol to those who doubt the wisdom of the country's current course.

Hu went out of his way recently, however, to praise Hua publicly, particularly for his role in arresting Jiang Qing, Mao's widow, and other members of the radical "Gang of Four."

For nearly six months, indications have been multiplying that Deng wants to replace Hua. In September, for example, the Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily* criticized the autocratic manner in which Mao

named Hua as his successor, and another paper virtually accused him of malfeasance for failing to investigate repeated complaints of political persecution by a county leader in his home province, and then helping those involved to cover up their crimes. Other articles compared him with the chief eunuch of the old imperial court.

The lengthy indictment of the 10 radicals now on trial for their activities during the Cultural Revolution does not include Hua's name among the victims, a list that is as much a key to the current balance of power as it is a political honor roll, and the initial charge that the Gang of Four was plotting to assassinate



(AP photo)

him in a coup in October 1976, has been dropped, although it was the ostensible reason for their arrest then.

Rumors that Hua will be replaced, meanwhile, are being spread actively by Chinese sources who have supported Deng over the past two years. One well-informed official reported that Hua was sharply criticized at a recent party politburo meeting, first by Hu and then by Deng, over his continued resistance to many of the current reforms. Another source said that a party commission was asked to look into "several grave miscarriages of justice" during Hua's tenure as public security minister in the early 1970s and to assess his responsibility.

W.German mariners stranded

MANILA, Philippines, Dec. 5 (AP) — Eight moodys after leaving India on a long journey to retrace the routes of ancient Arab traders, four West German sailors and a Frenchman are stranded on a Philippine island, their primitive wooden sailboat slowly breaking up on a reef.

Strong currents may have dashed their boat named *Vasco da Gama*; said expedition leader Heinz Dieter Kruger, but not their determination to test the "real seamanship" of ancient seafarers to a voyage nearly halfway around the world with no modern-day navigational aids. Kruger said he expects the voyage to last up to four years.

"Our only problem is money," added Kruger, 31, a resident of Bremen, West Germany, who left his job as an engineer on a merchant ship to launch the expedition. "But there is energy enough to take our ship apart and rebuild it piece by piece."

The 28-ton vessel floundered on a reef off Lubang, 128 kilometers southwest of Manila, on Nov. 24, two weeks after it had left Canton where, Kruger said, the adventurers were

the first men in 1,100 years to sail into China on a dhow.

Kruger was in Manila for several days but beaded back for Lubang after a futile attempt to find benefactors in some salvage company willing to get the *Vasco da Gama* on dry land for the badly needed mending.

With Kruger on the expedition are his younger brother Fred, 26, Dieter Roman Gregory, 31, Michael Kleinke, 21, all from Bremen, and Pascal Francis Pillon, 24, of Paris. A sixth crewman, Andreas Ewald, 25, also from Bremen, had to stay in Canton for treatment of a knee infection but will join the rest of the crew soon.

The expedition set out of Kappad, India, near where the Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama landed in 1498, on March 17 to retrace historic routes to Penang in Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Canton, the Philippines and Indonesia.

From the Indonesian resort island of Bali, they were to sail to Kenya to pay calls at parts visited by the ancient Arabs on the West African coast. The journey was to take them back to Europe across the Atlantic.

Sun plane flunks long-distance test

MARANA, Arizona, Dec. 5 (AP) — The sun-powered *Solar Challenger* flew only 13 kilometers this week on a flight planned to prove its mettle over long distances. Its designers blamed the failure on equipment problems.

The plane, piloted by Janice Brown, a Bakersfield, California, teacher, landed about 0.8 kms. west of Interstate 10 after a propeller pitch control malfunctioned. It had taken off from Marana Air Park northwest of Tucson about 1 p.m. on what was to have been a 101-km flight to Chandler, about 40 kms southeast of Phoenix.

Despite the breakdown, designer Paul MacCready of Pasadena, California, said he was encouraged by the 22-minute flight, the

longest to date. The *Solar Challenger*, an 8.8-meter aircraft weighing 79kgs, is driven by a 2.47-horsepower electric engine powered by 15,000 photovoltaic solar cells on its 14-meter wings and its tail section. With a 13-meter propeller, it flies 30 to 48kph.

Weather forecasts called for cloudiness, which would ground the plane, but MacCready said the control will be repaired as soon as possible so the crew could take advantage of the next sunny day.

Earlier Wednesday, MacCready had said there was little chance the flight would go as scheduled. He said he wanted the pilot to get more practice, and he was concerned that the plane be assured of achieving greater altitude than it had reached during Tuesday's tests.

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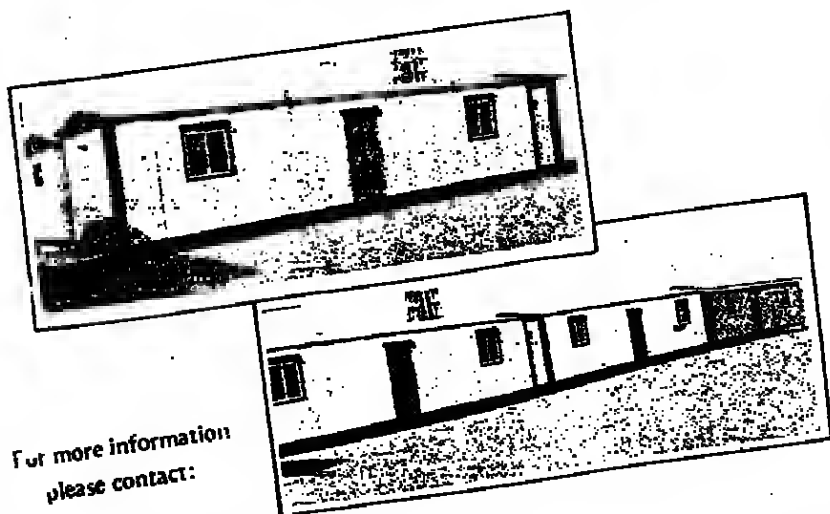
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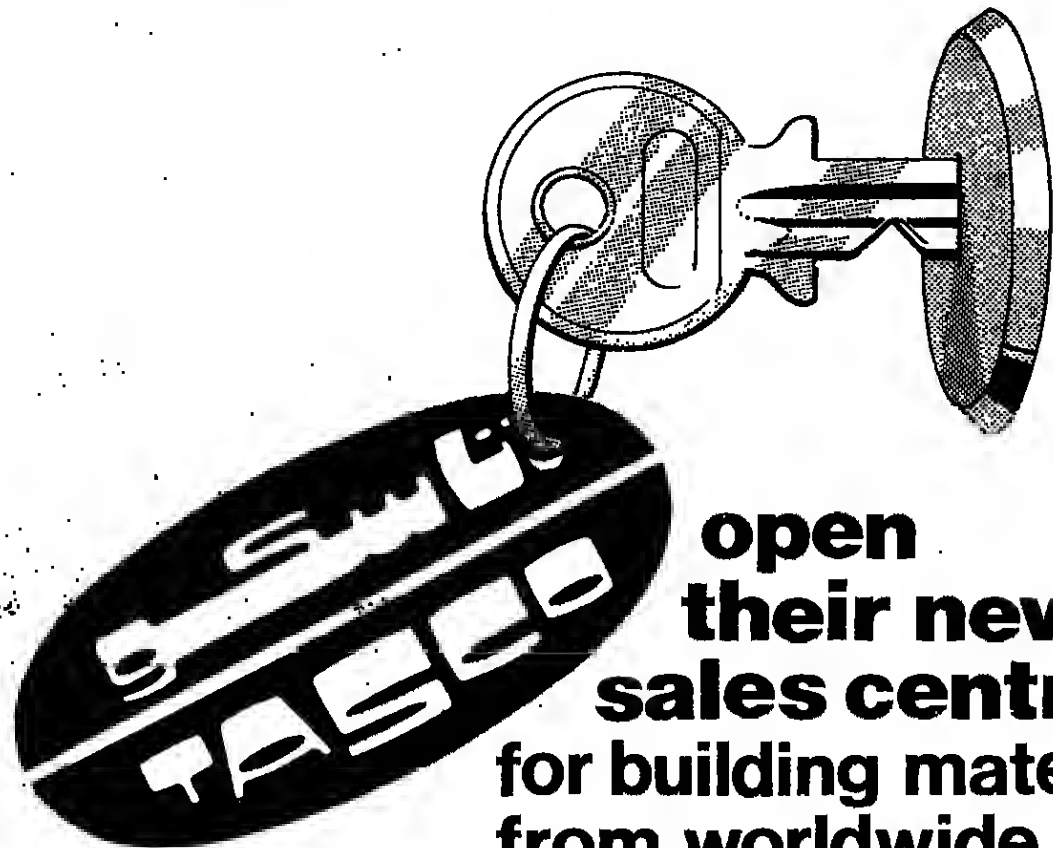
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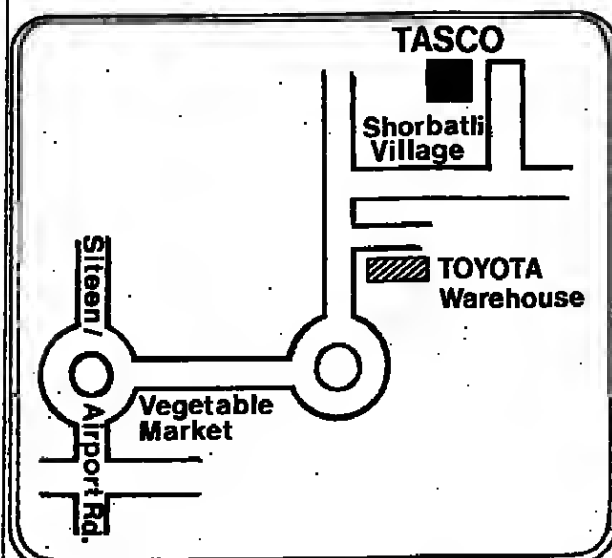
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1st in 10 years S. Africa imports wheat this season

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 5 (R) — South Africa will soon import wheat for the first time in 10 years because its current crop has been badly hit by a protracted drought in main growing regions.

Wheat Board Manager Denis Van Aarde said Friday damage to the crop had become increasingly apparent in recent weeks. Heavy rains had fallen in some areas, further harming the quality of a crop which had been starved of rain for many months.

Van Aarde said tenders for imports would probably be sought next month. The United States would almost certainly supply the 200,000 tons that was needed because its wheat was similar in quality to South African

types. South Africa last imported wheat in 1970/71, when a shortfall seemed imminent, but the last time imports were essential was 1967.

Van Aarde said the expected South African wheat production to fall almost 700,000 tons this year to about 1.45 million tons. Bad weather and other difficulties have also hit production this year in several major grain-growing countries including Australia, Argentina and the Soviet Union.

This has caused concern that the world may be heading for a serious world food shortage in 1981. However, the prospect of higher prices is prodding farmers into greater efforts, so that many food-aid experts now believe a crisis can be averted.

BP's earnings dropped 60% for July-September quarter

LONDON, Dec. 5 (R) — British Petroleum (BP), one of the biggest oil companies, Friday reported a 60 per cent drop in its earnings for the July-September quarter compared with the same period last year and said recession had hit its chemicals sales particularly hard.

It also said that income had been reduced by the strength of the pound sterling which had constrained exports from Britain, while steady oil prices held down profits on stocks. BP said net income for the third quarter this year was (\$490 million) compared with (\$1.32 billion) for the same period in 1979. The group said, however, that income for the first nine months of 1980, at (\$2.55 bil-

lion) was only slightly down on the first nine months of last year when the figure was (\$2.75 billion).

The other European-based oil major, the Royal Dutch/Shell group, reported a 23 per cent drop in third-quarter earnings last month, blaming recession and losses on European chemicals business.

BP said its British chemicals business lost \$195 million in the first nine months of this year. Recession has cut into demand for chemicals products in Europe by major industries, including carmaking and clothing, while it has been difficult to pass on higher feedstock prices to consumers.

EEC refuses to abolish entry visas for Turks

BRUSSELS, Dec. 5 (R) — The European Common Market Friday refused to bow to pressure from Turkey to abolish visa requirements for Turkish citizens, introduced in some EEC countries earlier this year to control immigration.

At a meeting of the EEC-Turkey Association Council here, community officials told a Turkish delegation there was no Common Market law preventing individual EEC states from imposing visa restrictions on non-EEC citizens. The Turkish government had maintained that the visa restrictions, introduced in West Germany, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg, went against the EEC-Turkey association pact.

It was the first session of the Association Council since the military coup d'etat in Turkey last September. The community reaffirmed its readiness to press ahead with arrangements for closer links with Turkey providing its military rulers undertook to respect human rights and make progress towards a return of democracy, EEC sources said.

In the meantime, police are continuing their search for suspects who fired two shots at Common Market Budget Commissioner Christopher Tugendhat Wednesday morning as he left his home. Tugendhat, one of two British members of the 13-member European Commission, was not injured in the 9.20 a.m. (0820 GMT) attack.

Police said the shots were fired from a car parked in front of the new home of Tugendhat who had just moved in to the residence. Police could not confirm reports that the car which sped away after the shots were fired bore Dutch license plates or that the shooting was the work of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

Exports via Syria Resumption of Iraqi oil eases conditions

PARIS, Dec. 5 (Agencies) — The announcement that Iraqi oil exports are to resume via Syria should help ease trading conditions on world oil markets some ten days before the conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Bali, Indonesia. Iraq, which Tuesday obtained Syria's go-ahead despite strained relations between the two countries since the outbreak of the Gulf war, will resume exports immediately.

By pumping through the Banyas terminal across Syria, Iraq should be able to transport between 200,000 and 300,000 barrels a day, according to estimates.

For some days Iraq has been resuming exports via another Mediterranean terminal at Doryol in Turkey at the rate of between 600,000 and 700,000 barrels a day.

The two French oil firms Total and Elf-Aquitaine should receive some of this crude by mid-December under an agreement for the supply of 400,000 tons by the end of the year.

Iraq, which was OPEC's second biggest oil producer turning out 3.5 million barrels a day before the Gulf war, should be able to export about a million barrels a day in the next few days.

Since Monday "spot" market prices in Europe have fallen markedly with oil buyers appearing for Libyan crude at \$38 a barrel compared with a price of \$42 to \$43 a few days earlier. The official price of this high

grade oil \$37.

Iraq, which was forced by air attacks Monday to halt exports through its Kharg island terminal, continues to export between 100,000 and 150,000 barrels a day via Lavan island situated 200 kms far south in the Gulf.

OPEC's biggest producer, Saudi Arabia, sees no new elements on world oil markets to justify higher prices, Saudi oil company Governor Abdul Hadi Taher has said.

Following a price rise of more than 130 per cent since the end of 1978, consumption has fallen markedly with the Shell company putting the reduction for 1980 at five per cent. The International Energy Agency has estimated that since Iraq halted exports at the end of September and up to the end of this year, its 21 members comprising leading industrialized countries, except France, will have reduced their substantial stocks by 32 million tons compared with the usual figure of 11 million tons.

In the meantime, oil ministers from OPEC may meet next week despite the Iran-Iraq war, but may not take up the issue of oil prices for 1981, a trade newspaper in New York said Wednesday. *Platts' Oilgram News* said Wednesday in a dispatch from the Indonesian capital Jakarta that "knowledgeable sources" except the OPEC meeting, if held, will confine itself "to budget and other housekeeping matters."

The oil ministers' year-end price meeting is

scheduled to begin Monday in Bali, Indonesia, but has been threatened by war between the two Gulf OPEC members.

The Iran-Iraq war has resulted in the loss of more than 3 million barrels of oil a day, about 7 per cent of non-Communist world needs.

According to *Platts' Oilgram News*, Indonesian oil minister Subroto is planning a trip to Paris and unspecified Gulf countries this week in a series of meetings with officials of OPEC states aimed at keeping the oil ministers' meeting alive.

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French Franc (100)	74.00	74.50	—
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LIMA, (R) — Oil rig workers have occupied 36 production platforms off the coast of northern Peru to press for the reinstatement of dismissed colleagues and improved working conditions, and oil company spokesmen said Friday. The spokesman for the U.S. Belco Petroleum Corporation, which operates the rigs on the continental shelf off Talara, denied press reports that the protest had affected production. Normal output from the rigs is 30,000 barrels per day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (R) — The Fed-

eral Reserve Board, America's central bank, said Friday it was raising its discount lending rate to 13 per cent from 12 per cent, effective from Saturday. It also said it was raising to three per cent from two per cent the surcharge to member banks who borrow frequently from the Federal Reserve.

HONG KONG, (AFP) — China will produce about 210 million ready-made synthetic knitwear garments this year, twice as much as in 1978, according to the textile industry ministry in Peking quoted by the New China News Agency (NCNA) Friday.



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Moves to League Cup semis

City downs WBA

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AFP) — Manchester City's English League Cup specialists Adam Bennett and Tony Henry, earned the English First Division side a semi-final place on Wednesday night, when they beat West Bromwich Albion 2-1 at Maine Road.

The pair with the knockout touch downed Albion who had grabbed a lucky fourth-minute lead through a Tommy Booth own goal.

Bennett slammed the equaliser six minutes later, starting and finishing a superb movement to keep up his goal-a-round record, and then he laid up the 60th minute winner for Henry who was playing his first game for more than a month.

It was Henry's third goal in the League Cup this season and he finished the game with his socks rolled below his ankles, but with his fist punching the air triumphantly.

Stylish Albion can claim they were the better organized, more skillful side. But they found Joe Corrigan the England keeper in magnificent form, highlighted with finger-tip saves from Bryan Robson.

City now face the daunting task of playing Liverpool in the semi-finals, having been drawn to play the first leg at home on January 14.

West Ham, the Second Division FA Cup holders, bidding for an immediate return to

Dev, Chauhan save India

WHYALLA, Dec. 5 (AFP) — India's Test all-rounder Kapil Dev produced another match winning performance as India stumbled, and then recovered to a convincing six wicket victory against south Australia's country here Thursday.

Kapil took 3-13 from eight energetic overs and then after India were 3-12, came out and cracked 61 out for victory.

Kapil Dev shared an unbeaten fifth wicket partnership of 81 with opener Chetan Chauhan 29 out to assure the tourists of a win in the limited over game.

The Indians utilised the recovery for batting practice as Kapil Dev swept to 105 in as many minutes with three sixes and eight fours. Chauhan finished with 53 out.

India needed only 120 runs to win the match after dismissing country for 119 and at stumps were 4-188.

The disappointment again for the Indian team was the failure of captain Sunil Gavaskar who was bowled by broken hill pace bowler Bill Snee for Nought from the second ball of the innings.

Gavaskar was bowled first ball in his previous innings in Geraldton against West Australia country by Australian footballer and wheat farmer, Ross Ditchburn.

Wembley, had their hopes boosted with an away trip to either Coventry or fellow Second Division giant killers Watford, who replay next Tuesday.

It means that John Lyall's talented side, who feared only Liverpool of the teams left, will have the chance to clinch a place in the final in a second leg at Upton Park, scene of many European and domestic successes this season.

On the other hand, Gordon Milne, Coventry's manager said: "We will never have a better chance of reaching Wembley. With the greatest respect to Watford and West Ham, it means there are just two Second Division sides in our path."

Turks slide to 2-0 defeat

PRAGUE, Dec. 5 (R) — Czechoslovakia beat Turkey 2-0 here Wednesday, virtually eliminating the Turks from the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

Center forward Zdenek Nehoda scored two quick goals in the 12th and 13th minutes to secure victory for his team, keeping alive Czechoslovakia's hopes of qualifying from group two.

Only 8,000 people braved sub-freezing temperatures, and strong winds and a nearby steady snowstorm clearly affected the quality of play in what turned out to a dull match.

With the pitch covered in a blanket of snow, the officials resorted to an orange ball and yellow lines to allow the game to be played with a degree of credibility.

Most players wore gloves, and the Turks fashioned a black body stocking to fight the cold. The weather conditions were so poor the match could not be at high level technically.

The players had trouble staying on their feet. The Turks played with special shoes air-freighted to them Tuesday after the ones they had carried with them proved inadequate for the icy pitch.

Play stagnated at midfield most of the time, with the tough, heavily-built Czechoslovaks dominating the game.

W. Indies, Punjab tie

SAHIWAL, Pakistan, Dec. 5 (AP) — The three-day match between West Indies and Punjab Governor's Eleven ended in a draw here Wednesday.

West Indies first innings was 304 for 9 declared, and Punjab Governors replied with 170. West Indies declared at 171 for one in their second innings with Punjab laying out the match at 143 for 5.

The chances of a decision in the match disappeared after West Indies skipper Clive Lloyd delayed the declaration at lunch time.



UNLUCKY: Tommy Booth, whose own goal let West Brom take an early lead, seen tackling Steve Lovell (Crystal Palace) in a previous league match.

W. Germans edge Bulgaria

SOFIA, Dec. 5 (R) — West Germany, the European Champions, began their world soccer cup campaign by beating Bulgaria 3-1 in a bruising match on a slippery pitch here Wednesday which produced several cautions.

Midway through the first half the Germans took control, signalling that in Europe qualifying group one they will call the shots.

They built a 2-0 halftime lead and held off a late Bulgarian rally.

But it was always hard fought, with robust tackling and frequent injury stoppages. Italian referee Ricardo Lattanzi was busy with yellow cards for both sides.


The West Germans used the wings well and troubled the some defence of swinging accurate balls into the middle.

The Bulgarian close passing mostly founded against the legs of defenders at the edge of the penalty area, and when it did not the shooting was off target.

Mistakes were inevitable on a treacherous surface, which was cleared of snow only Tuesday. The West German defence looked uncertain under early Bulgarian pressure but it was defender Manfred Kaltz who steadied his teammates by putting them ahead.

Following up an attack, he hit a 16-yard volley inside goalkeeper Hristov's ear post after a cross from the left had been headed out.

Kaltz added a second from the penalty spot nine minutes before halftime when Hristov pulled down Karl-Heinz Rummenigge after Horst Hrubesch had put him through.



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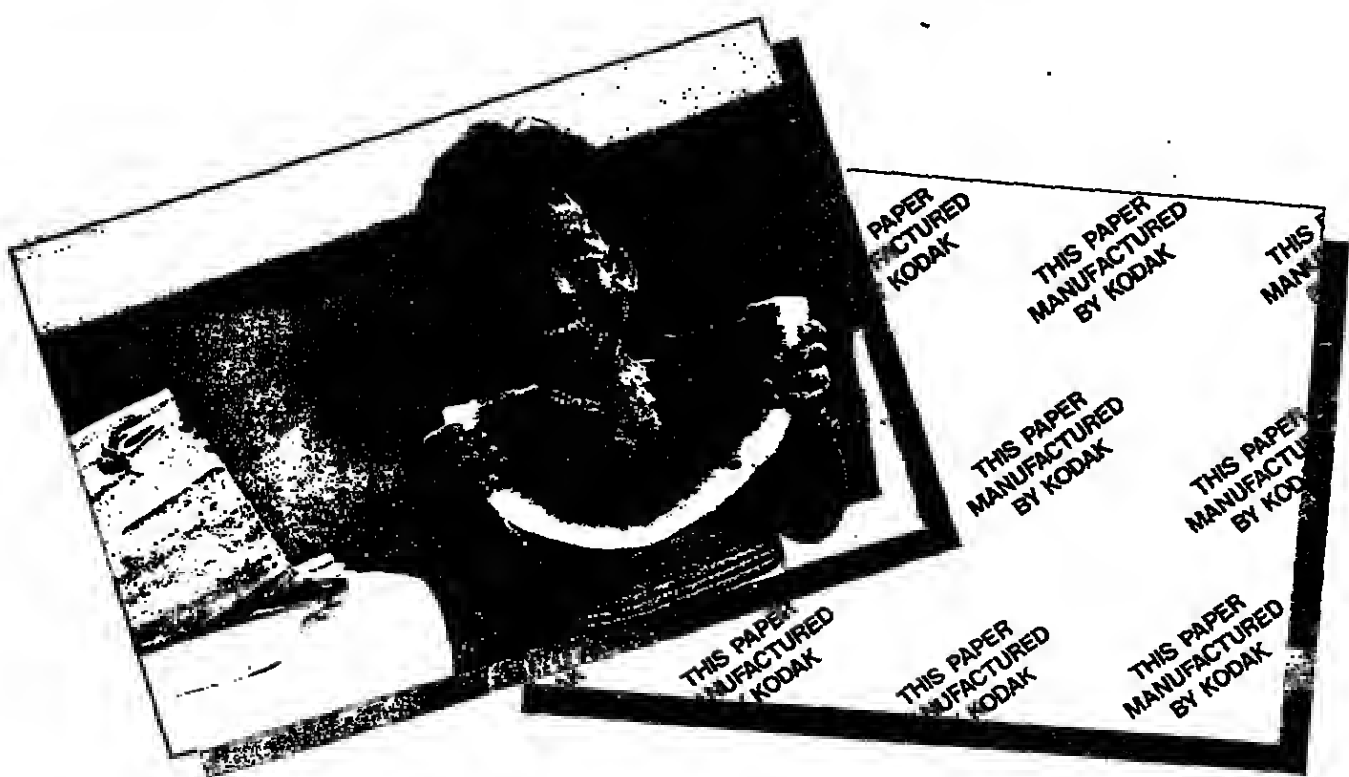
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Parish scores 33 points

Celtics put crunch on Hawks

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP) — Robert Parish is playing less this year, and he and the Boston Celtics are enjoying it more.

The seven-foot center equaled his career high of 33 points as the Celtics came back for a 106-101 victory over the Atlanta Hawks in a National Basketball Association game.

"One of the reasons that I'm performing well for the Celtics is that I have a lot more endurance in games," said Parish, who was traded to Boston from Golden State in the offseason. "I am splitting playing time with Rick Robey. I don't have to play 35-40 minutes anymore."

In other NBA games, Philadelphia outlasted New York 104-98, Indiana downed Washington 128-115, Kansas City edged Phoenix 103-100, Houston downed Cleveland 118-109, Golden State beat New Jersey 131-108, San Diego surprised Los Angeles 120-114 and Seattle stopped Chicago 113-105.

76ers 104, Knicks 98
Philadelphia improves its league-best record to 24-4 as Maurice Cheeks field a fourth-period rally and finished with 27 points. Cheeks broke a 98-98 tie with two free throws that put the 76ers ahead to stay.

Suns 100, Kings 103
Otis Birdsong scored 18 points and Scott Wedman 21 as Kansas City broke a three-game losing streak and banded Phoenix only its fifth loss to 28 games. The Suns fought back from a 14-point deficit to trail by only a point in the final minute. But Birdsong hit a 22-foot shot with 11 seconds remaining to preserve the triumph.

Clippers 120, Lakers 114
San Diego won its fifth game in its last six

Nastase faces Amritraj for champion cup

MONTREAL, Dec. 5 (AP) — Top-seeded Bjorn Borg of Sweden will be among the missing, but the \$320,000 world championship tennis challenge cup, which begins at the Maurice Richard arena next Tuesday, is much more than a battle of also-rans.

Heading the field of eight players are Jimmy Connors and arch-rival John McEnroe, who have been playing a game of musical chairs throughout 1980 for the No. 1 ranking in the United States.

McEnroe, who has won three of the five meetings against Connors this year, is in a group of four players that includes Wojtek Fibak of Poland, Vijay Amritraj of India and Romanian Ilie Nastase.

Connors, meanwhile, is in the second group composed of fellow-Americans Peter Fleming and Harold Solomon, and Shlomo Glickstein of Israel.

Each group will play once against the other players in his section in a round robin, with the best two in each group advancing to the semifinals. In opening round action next Tuesday night, Nastase faces Amritraj, McEnroe goes against Fibak and Solomon plays Glickstein.

However, the bitter cold in Prague this week is unlikely to chill the fervor of a rapid Czechoslovak tennis public who are confident their country will become the first East European winner of the Davis Cup.

The Czechs, led by the exciting Ivan Lendl, start clear favorites against a typically unpredictable Italian side in the 11,500 capacity winter sports stadium, for three days.

It will be the second time Czechoslovakia has competed in the Davis Cup final and their ace-up has talent, experience and perhaps that counts most against Italy, home advantage.

Lendl, the 20-year-old Ostrava-born star who has burst through to the top this year, is currently ranked sixth by the Association of Tennis Professionals computer.

Italy, Davis Cup winners in 1976, have a starter steeped in Davis Cup tradition and at his glory.

Thirty-year-old Adriano Panatta, whose play ranges from the sublime to the substandard, once again carries most of his country's hopes on his surly shoulders, although it is the first to admit it would be a major feat if he beat Lendl in Prague.

Corrado Barazzutti, from Udine, is the second singles player and his clash with Smid, leading the Italians win the doubles, could prove to be crucial.

Panatta will be joined by the veteran Paolo Pietrangeli to form an excellent doubles pair, which is unlikely to be upset by a partisan crowd.

Czechoslovakia reached the final by beating a trouble-torn Argentina 3-2 in Buenos Aires after the Argentinians, Guillermo Vilas and Jose Luis Clerc, had earlier lost cup holders in the United States.

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outings as Brian Taylor scored 21 points, Swen Nater added 20 and the Clippers' bench outscored Los Angeles.

Pacers 128, Bulls 115
Johnny Davis scored 22 points to lead seven Indiana players in double figures in the victory over Washington. The Pacers scored nine straight points to take a 40-25 lead early in the second quarter and the Bulls never recovered.

Rockets 118, Cavaliers 109
Mike Dunleavy scored 12 fourth-quarter points, including 10 in the final four minutes when Houston outscored Cleveland 13-0. Rudy Tomjanovich scored 20 points for the

Rockets and Dunleavy finished with 17. Warriors 151, Nets 108

Purvis Short led seven teammates in double figures with 21 points, including five in a row late in the third quarter when Golden State pulled away from New Jersey. Bernard King scored 20 points and Lloyd Free 19 for the warriors, and broke a three-game losing streak, and Mike Newlin led all scorers with 22.

Sonics 113, Bulls 105
Jack Sikma scored 20 points and teamed with Dennis Antreay to dominate inside play in the fourth quarter to place Seattle over Chicago. Ernie Gilmore led the Bulls with 26 points.

Hilal falters

Ittihad reconfirms lead

By Masir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Dec. 5 — Ittihad reconfirmed its lead in the national soccer league Thursday by beating Qadisiyya 2-0 in match where many opportunities were lost by both sides. In the meantime Hilal, who was only second to Ittihad by the number of goals, suffered a 2-2 set back against Jabalein in Hail.

Hilal was counting on an easy win with several goals to close the gap that separated the team from first place in the League. By beating Nasr 3-2 last week, Hilal was favored to lead the league, especially since Ittihad faced a stubborn rival that always had disappointed Ittihad for many years.

One Hilal supporters said last week, when Hilal displayed a powerful form, that the strong come-back would only be a beginning of poor performances because of self-deception. Last week, Hilal played against Nasr without its Brazilian star Rivelino, and had a lead of 3-0 until the last 20 minutes of the match.

Hilal's goals Thursday were scored by Dee, also a Brazilian playing in place of Rivelino, who has been stopped after a series of warnings about his unsportsman-like behavior, in the 32nd minute of the first half and a penalty

kicked by Najib Imam in the last minute of the first half. Jabalein scored its first goal through Khaled Al-Seif in the 35th minute, ten minutes before Hilal's second goal. The team equalized in the 16th minute of the second half.

Meanwhile, the Ittihad-Qadisiyya encounter, scheduled for Dammam, was transferred to Jeddah due to maintenance operations. Even with the lack of hometown vocal support, Qadisiyya exchanged attacks. Unfinished passes distinguished the game from the beginning to the end, especially from Ittihad. Tamim Hizami — Ittihad's attacking spearhead — was active as usual, but Abu Samra missed several good chances. Issa Hamdan, right-wing striker, joined Ittihad for the first time Thursday since the beginning of the football league. He played in coordination with Tamim and it is the two of them who secured Ittihad's goals.

The first came from a maneuver and a pass from the left-wing by Tamim in the 24th minute of the first half. The ball was missed by Abu Samra and Buker, but Hamdan placed it in Qadisiyya's goal with a powerful kick. In the first 15 minutes of the second half, Hamdan lifted a ball to Qadisiyya's door-step and was headed home by Tamim.

Holmes named 'Boxer of the Year'

Gardner quits British championship



Larry Holmes

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 5 (AP) — World heavyweight boxer Larry Holmes of the United States was named boxer of the year for the third consecutive year Wednesday by the seven-member executive council of the World Boxing Council.

The award was announced at the WBC annual convention here.

Other awards were the fight of the year, given to the title bout between Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran in Montreal and the most exemplary boxer award given to super featherweight Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua. Lightweight Hilario Zapata of Panama was given honorable mention.

Meanwhile, in London, John L. Gardner, who has made only one successful defense of

his British heavyweight championship since winning it just over two years ago, gave up the title on Thursday to pursue a money-spinning contest abroad against either Muhammad Ali in Tokyo next March or Larry Holmes in the United States, also early in the new year.

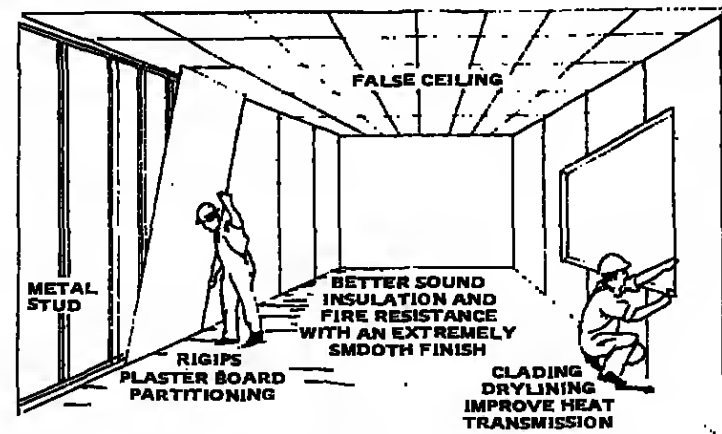
Only last Friday, Gardner, from successfully defended his European title by knocking out Italian challenger Lorenzo Zanon in five rounds in Milan — a performance which prompted overseas promoters to consider Gardner as a likely opponent for either Ali or Holmes.

But Gardner, who last defended the British crown against Paul Sykes at Wembley in June last year, had already been called upon by the Boxing Board of control to defend the title against Gordon Offiers.

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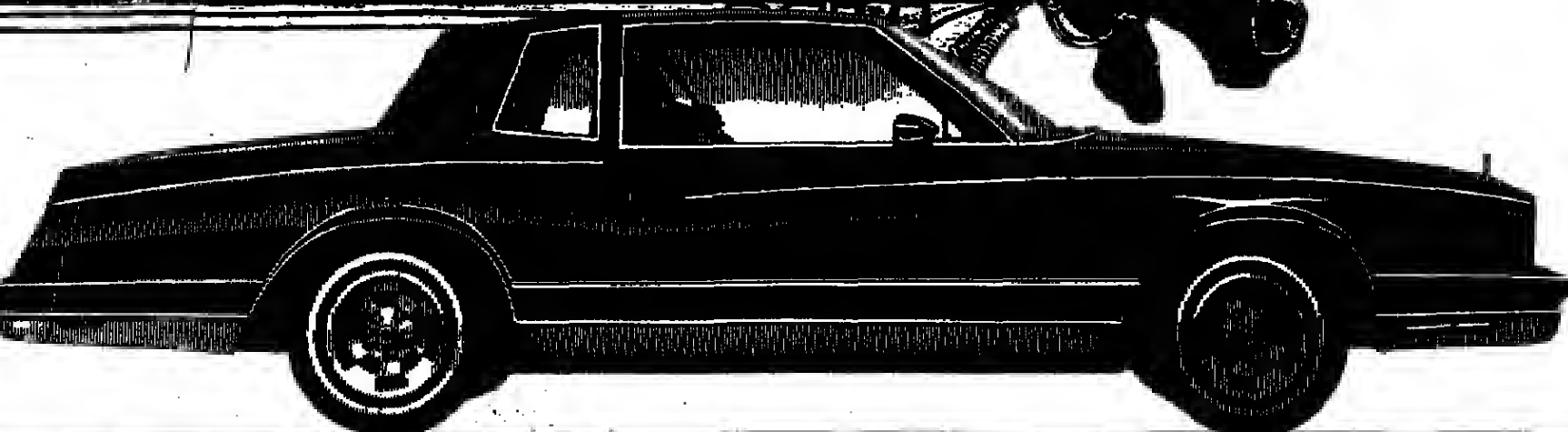
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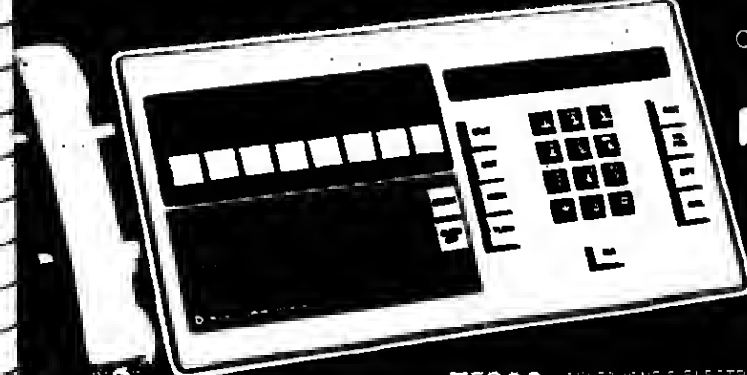
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Italy leaders desert debate on quake aid

ROME, Dec. 5 (AP) — While 200,000 survivors from the earthquake in southern Italy camped in the open in sub-zero temperatures, no more than seven members of parliament were present in the chamber for the close of Thursday's debate on the disaster.

Signs that the deputies might come to blows progressively lessened as more and more of them walked out of the debate, Italian newspapers noted ironically Friday.

According to the daily *Repubblica*, Premier Arnaldo Forlani's government "got itself acquitted," while remaining "unanimous in having nothing on its conscience" in the face of criticism from all parties — including the Christian Democrats who have governed for more than 30 years — of government slowness and mishandling of earthquake relief operations.

"The parliament debate was wrecked by absenteeism," the evening *Corriere della Sera* accused. "It was like one of those sleepy Monday debates on some provincial deputy's question."

With somber news continually arriving from the disaster area, the paper noted, the gaps in the parliamentary benches at the Montecitorio Palace seemed a visual expression of the widening gap between the country and the politicians.

"Nothing will ever be the same in Italy after the earthquake of Nov. 23, 1980," the paper declared, noting the deterioration between Italians and their parliament. It called for "a vast reform at once...the dramatic alternative being the end of the first republic."

Meanwhile a special government commissioner, Giuseppe Zamberletti, who has been

coordinating rescue and relief, announced that re-housing operations would now proceed to its second phase — finding shelter for the quake victims where they would agree to live until the spring.

All but 600 of the homeless have refused temporary accommodation on the coast, continuing to camp out in the vicinity of the 133 villages hit by the quake.



DETERMINED: An Italian made homeless by the recent earthquake wears a pile of hats in a determined effort to keep warm in subfreezing temperatures.

Jiang admits hounding Liu

PEKING, Dec. 5 (AP) — Jiang Qing, once Communist China's ruthless "empress," said in court Friday she approved "small scale" denunciations of President Liu Shao-Chi, who was persecuted to death in 1969, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Questioned by two women judges on a special court, the 67-year-old widow of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung said it was the late security chief, Kang Sheng, who advocated denouncing Liu on a small scale. And she approved it.

Other sources reported earlier that Jiang Qing, accused of framing and persecuting Liu, "used crafty arguments and sophistry and tried to shift the blame away from herself."

Xinhua said the court also produced reports, all approved by Jiang Qing, for arresting and trying three persons for political crimes.

"In the face of the evidence, Jiang Qing

Trainmen too for Kim

TOKYO, Dec. 5 (AP) — Train drivers throughout Japan Friday sounded their engine whistles for one minute at each station on their route during a half-hour protest at the death sentence passed on South Korean opposition leader Kim Dae Jung.

The whistle demonstration, a protest already restored to 20 years ago at the signing of Japan's defense treaty with the United States, was called by the Doro and Kokoro railway unions to push demands for Kim's reprieve.

U.S. rates drive up dollar; gold falls

LONDON, Dec. 5 (R) — The dollar climbed on foreign exchanges Friday because of the latest twist in the United States' interest rate spiral. Gold prices fell.

The U.S. Federal Reserve, the country's central bank, raised the discount rate at which it lends to banks from 12 to 13 per cent Thursday and analysts believe this will push other U.S. rates even higher. "By raising the discount rate, the Fed (Federal Reserve) is essentially endorsing the current high level of interest rates. The Fed is saying it doesn't think rates have peaked," commented a New

York banker.

Prime rates at which U.S. banks lend to their best corporate customers jumped to 18.5 per cent earlier this week, last approaching the 20 per cent record of last April. Dealers in London said buyers snapped up the dollar Friday, pushing it to around 1.96 marks, its highest level against the West German currency for about eight months.

Gold fell as investors switched to the dollar for a better return, dealers said. It was quoted at \$617.75 an ounce compared with \$630.50 here Thursday night.

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Behavior baffles researchers

Do Chaplin twins share one mind?

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP) — Identical twins Greta and Freda Chaplin have the scientific world and general public intrigued and puzzled. The 37-year-old twins are so alike in the way they think, act, dress, look and live that experts say they genuinely appear to share one mind between two bodies.

They do everything together, scream if parted and most uncannily — when under stress — they talk in unison, speaking the same words simultaneously in identical voice patterns that create an echo effect. Doctors say they've never before encountered a case like it and believe the twins may be linked by telepathy.

They first became news last July when they appeared before magistrates at their home city of York in northern England. The charge to which they pleaded guilty was a relatively innocuous breach of the peace. The facts revealed by police were bizarre.

For 15 years the spinster twins have reportedly shared an unusual admiration for York truck driver Kenneth Iveson, 56, their former neighbor. He used to chat with them, but when he married, dropped the friendship. The twins, now sharing an apartment in a city-run hostel, began hounding him. When they allegedly threw themselves in front of his

car one day, screaming abuse, he went to the police. The charge resulted.

The magistrates sent them to a holding center at Durham Jail for government medical reports. When they appeared in court again July 22, psychiatrist Dr. David Westbury reported, "this is an extraordinary experience and one I have never encountered before in the whole of my career. There is certainly no medical explanation or medical solution to the problem." He said they were not suffering from mental illness, but a "personality disorder."

The magistrates deferred sentence until November and said, meantime, they must stay away from Iveson. From the court dock the twins replied in unison, "We have learned our lesson. We have been to prison and we won't bother him again."

But when they appeared Nov. 4, again dressed exactly alike and each wearing one pink mitten on one hand and a brown woolen glove on the other, police said they had broken their promise. The court ordered a one-month suspended prison sentence, meaning the twins only serve it if they get into more trouble.

The affair has prompted numerous articles, although social workers have advised against almost all press interviews with them, fearing

efforts to help them will be hampered if the twins are seen as freaks.

But officials have given some details of their strange story, described by their York social worker Jean Ogilthorpe as "one mind in two bodies." The twins' parents dressed them identically and they screamed if parted. Today, medical advice to parents of twins is to encourage individual traits in each. But the Chaplins grew up 30 years ago.

Sent to different hospitals in a bid to establish them as separate personalities, they refused to eat or talk to doctors, then, arranged secret meetings outside by telephone.

Today, they're so close that they sleep in a double bed, cook breakfast with both holding the frying pan handle, use identical soap and buy identical clothes. When a social worker gave one green soap and the other pink, they wept and finally cut each cake of soap in two so each twin had one green and one pink piece. When coat buttons failed to match, the twins cut them off and swapped them so each had an equal number of green and black.

They spend their days at a local occupational therapy unit, arranging the same flowers and sharing the same knitting wool and rug-making material. In the street they draw stares and taunts.

Brzezinski denies agitation Poland may call in Soviets

WARSAW, Dec. 5 (R) — Poland's Communist leaders have said they may call in the Soviet army to help restore order, but emphasized this was unlikely to be necessary.

Josef Klasa, propaganda chief in the party's central committee, told a press conference it would be the leadership's duty to call for assistance from Poland's allies if Communist rule was seriously threatened. His remark came amid continued international tension over Poland following reports of a Soviet military build-up around its borders and a stern warning to Moscow from President Jimmy Carter that it should not send in troops.

But Klasa said the situation in Poland had not developed to the stage where an intervention would be necessary. He said he was fully convinced the Polish people had the will and the ability to settle its own problems.

Meanwhile, White House National security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski rejected

charges by the Soviet Union that he had urged Poles to undertake armed resistance against the authorities.

Brzezinski, who was born in Warsaw, also called for restraint, moderation and compromise by all parties to Poland's labor dispute in order to avert Soviet military intervention. He described as "totally unfounded allegations" reports by the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* and the official Tass news agency that he had given advice on resistance to a group of Polish political scientists at a recent meeting.

Saying that a Soviet invasion of Poland could set back East-West relations by 29 years, he told reporters:

"My expectation and certain hope is that all of the parties within Poland and around Poland will exercise restraint, moderation and compromise. No one is interested in upsetting existing international arrangements, or threatening the legitimate security interests of any party."

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Naif

upon the interests and freedom of smaller neighbors.

The emotional refugees welcomed the prince with slogans for the glory of Islam and the freedom of their occupied homeland.

Prince Naif reminded them that unity in their ranks was vital for an international projection of their problem, and would also help countries that wanted to contribute towards their national liberation movement. He regretted that certain elements were trying to sow the seeds of disunity and discord among the rank and file of Afghans and hoped that self-respecting Afghan people would deal with such elements properly.

Prince Naif lauded Pakistani rehabilitation efforts for more than 1.2 million refugees and said he was expressing gratitude not only on behalf of the Kingdom but the entire Muslim world.

Earlier, a refugee leader spoke of the atrocities of the Russian occupation forces, which made Afghans flee their homes and seek shelter in Pakistan. He also underlined the need for anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons to take the liberation war to "its logical conclusion."

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(SR420 million and SR274 billion of which the SDF contributed SR123.6 million and SR120.16 million respectively); the multifarious industries compound in Guinea-Bissau (SR50 million, of which the SDF contributed SR15.9 million); the Nairobi desalination plant in Kenya (SR270 million, of which the fund contributed SR87.25 million); the Tombay Boomy Hills bridge and Bu Shrood electric plant projects in Liberia (SR83 million and SR109 million of which the fund contributed SR31.8 million and SR38.8 million respectively); and Andikalka electric power project in Madagascar (SR409 million, of which the SDF contributed SR42.4 million).

There were four projects in Jordan — Al-Husseini Thermal Power Plant, the expansion of Al-Aqaba electric power network, Amman water and sewage project and Al-Aqaba water project (with an overall cost of SR290.5 million, SR75.5 million, SR377 million and SR174 million respectively, of which the SDF contributed in the same order SR98 million, SR26.25 million, SR70.174 million, and SR70 million); three projects in Syria — the Damascus/Lebanese frontier road, the coaxial cable, and the development of Damascus International Airport (with an overall cost of SR170 million, SR105 million and SR127 million, of which the SDF contributed SR35 million, SR50 million and SR49.2 million). Finally, the Taiz water and sewage project in North Yemen (SR290 million, of which the fund contributed SR100 million).

The interior minister also visited the Pakistan-Afghan border at the historic Khyber Pass and had lunch with officers of the Khyber rifles, the border security regiment. Only last Tuesday the rattle of automatic weapons could be heard here at the Torkham check post on Pakistan's side as Afghanistan freedom fighters engaged a Russian convoy on Peshawar-Kabul highway across the border.

Crisis

of the Saudi initiative and understanding of its dimensions.

Informed sources in Damascus expect Saudi Arabia to undertake a new effort to get the reasons of the dispute removed.

Jordanian officials Friday said they believed the threat of war had receded since the Syrians declared they had achieved what they wanted from the confrontation. The Jordanians' optimism was prompted by a statement to this effect by Syrian Information Minister Ahmed Iskander Thursday. Iskander told reporters in Damascus his government believed that Jordan had learned a lesson from "recent events", and would take them into account in the future.

Well-informed sources in Damascus said he was referring to two major issues which the Syrian state media have linked to the crisis. These concerned allegations that Jordan was supporting anti-government subversion in Syria, and that King Hussein was planning to usurp the right of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to represent the Palestinians. Jordan has consistently denied both charges.

Yamani

reils a day. Although the minister asserted that the Gulf conflict has not damaged OPEC "at all," he did say that the war has delayed the implementation of the organization's long-term strategy — a complex plan by which oil prices would be indexed to a number of factors, including currency fluctuations and the rates of inflation and economic growth in the industrialized countries. "OPEC as an organization did not suffer from the war, but it did not really improve as we expected. The world is not benefiting as much as it might have had we agreed upon the long-term strategy," Yamani said.

The petroleum minister brushed off reports that have appeared in the foreign press recently that he would be soon relinquishing the petroleum portfolio to head a special government committee to oversee programs of government ministries. Yamani said that he had been hearing rumors for "seventeen years" and added that "we shall just have to wait and see."

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

To know he has reached middle age, a man need only look at his birth certificate. The problem however is not of knowing but of admitting. A woman on the other hand doesn't even know, let alone admit. By the time she is middle aged she has already torn-up the "incriminating document," burned it and scattered the ashes to the four winds. (That's when she was around twenty six, I guess.)

Some say that grey hair (or no hair) is a sure sign that youth is no more. But there are many who go grey or lose their hair while they are in their twenties. Philosophers have a different view, which is you are as old as you feel. A person at twenty can feel sixty, and there can be no argument with him. On the other hand, an old man might feel quite young, and behave accordingly — and again who can argue?

But the philosophers, I feel, have got this wrong (as usual). For imagine an aging Romeo, feeling quite the boy. See him dodder on his disreputable mission, chasing after the girls. Then see a young girl approaching, walking fast, and the old Romeo trying to catch up. Then see him wheezing to a stop, perhaps begging the young lady to walk slower as it is bad for his heart. Young as he feels? No longer, you can be sure, no longer.

Once in an airport in an Arab capital I was standing in line behind a beautiful girl, waiting for my passport to be examined. The official behind the desk was obviously old, and quite paunchy. As the girl's turn came, I noticed the man drawing his stomach in and trying to look as young as he felt. The girl's papers appeared impeccable and he told her so. She gave a heart-melting look of distress, and he said, "Just a moment, I'll see what I can do." He rushed into the office and came back, walking jauntily, a minute later. "All in order now. You can go in peace." To which the inconsiderate girl replied, "Thank you, uncle."

That was it, Uncle. I watched the transformation. The shoulders sagged and the belly was released once more. The eyes lost their shine. It was my turn to go to the desk, and he saw that I was old, and he said to me, "Uncle!" he said to me disconcertingly. "Uncle!" I nodded in understanding and commiseration.

What could any man in my position say? Translated from Ashraf Al Awaad

Carter accepts spirit of Iran terms

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (Agencies) — The United States has informed Iran that President Jimmy Carter can't implement to the letter the four demands for releasing the 52 American hostages, Secretary of State Edmund Muskie says.

But, he adds, the U.S. government will do all it can to observe the spirit of the four demands set down more than a month ago by the Iranian parliament. A literal acceptance

Russia's half heavy

MOSCOW, Dec. 5 (AP) — Half of Soviet citizens are overweight and 36 per cent are downright fat, the Communist youth organization newspaper of Moscow complained Friday. It attributed this to difficulties obtaining some foods other than potatoes and bread. A shortage of kitchen and bathroom scales also caused people to cook too much food and fail to notice the results, the paper said.

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